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A
COMPLETE MANUAL
OF
Family and Private DEVOTIONS,
SUITED TO
A GREAT VARIETY of CASES:
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Other EMINENT DIVINES of the
CHURCH of ENGLAND.

WITH
A Serious Exhortation to *Family-Prayer*,
BY
Dr. GIBSON, late Bishop of LONDON.

To which are added,
ANSWERS to the OBJECTIONS against
PRAYER in GENERAL.

*Where Daily Prayer is neglected, I cannot see how
any Family can be esteemed Christians, or indeed to
have any Religion at all.*

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THE P R E F A C E.

THE great number of books of devotion this nation is favour'd with is none of the least of it's Blessings. Different tempers are differently affected. What may be very agreeable to many may not please all; and most relish variety and novelty. Some authors are indeed justly esteemed above others; and are certainly much better qualified for writing on subjects of importance; such as the knowledge of God, a constant sense and full conviction of his almighty power, his omnipresence, his wisdom, goodness and holiness; and paying our adorations and thanksgivings to the GIVER of every good thing, in such a manner as is most likely to promote the practice of every virtue.

In order to make this MANUAL of DEVOTIONS more useful and complete than any hitherto extant, the devotional treasures of some of the greatest divines that this nation was ever blessed with, have been diligently

ransacked; and proper use has been made of the works of those who were remarkable for sound learning and exalted piety, and for every qualification truly great and valuable.

It is scarce necessary to observe, in this age of light and knowledge, that the advantages of FORMS of PRAYER are many and great. In them every expression may be fully considered before it is addressed to that BEING who searches the heart and tries the reins; who knows whether we pray to him with the understanding and affections or not: And, if very few, even of the most ingenious, are capable of addressing, in a proper manner, a fellow-creature of an exalted station and dignity, without preparing beforehand a suitable form of words, how much more ought their expressions be strictly weighed, when they address the fountain of wisdom, the ETERNAL MAJESTY of heaven and earth: When this infinitely great and glorious BEING is approached, the managing the affections in a proper manner, so as to have the passions of love, and joy, and gratitude, sorrow and remorse, under due government, is certainly sufficient employment. It is well observed by a judicious divine, that *It is hardly possible for our devotion to rise to any great height, when our*
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thoughts are taken up with composition, and our minds are intent upon the matter and phrase, or burdened with a form committed to memory.

The use and design of the Lord's Supper, and the devotions and meditations proper for Communicants being so judiciously treated of in that most valuable and well-known treatise, the *Companion to the Altar*, makes an enlargement on that head unnecessary.

The *Exhortation to Family Prayer* prefixed, is penn'd by the learned Dr. GIBSON, the late Bishop of LONDON, and if seriously read and meditated upon, cannot fail of doing great service, and adding to the usefulness of this *Manual*; and the *Answers to the Objections against Prayer in general* added thereto, will be of some use it is hop'd, to the profane and sceptical.

Although Morning and Evening Prayer may appear something strange in a Family where it has been neglected, pray consider, Are not all things so at first? And after the hours of Prayer have been settled, and Family Devotion practised some time, it will not only appear strange to omit it, but will even come to be reckoned, as indeed it ought, a necessary part of every day's business.

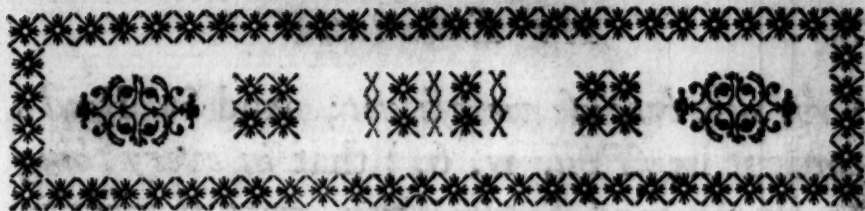
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It is certainly most fit for a master or mistress to read Prayers to the rest; yet it may be proper to accustom some other of the Family to perform that office with decency, that in case of indisposition or unavoidable absence of the head, the duty may not be omitted.

If at any time the whole Family cannot join in this reasonable and advantageous service, which needs seldom be the case, let as many as can; and be sure to admonish the rest, not to suffer any thing to hinder them from privately addressing him who gave them being, without whose support they cannot exist a moment, and from whom they receive all they enjoy.

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FAMILY-PRAYER.

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PRAYER is a service that we owe to Almighty God, as he is our Creator and Preserver, and we his creatures, who depend upon him for the comforts and necessaries of body and soul. This service is not only most reasonable in itself, as it is an humble acknowledgement of God's dominion and sovereignty over us; but it is in many places of Scripture expressly enjoin'd by CHRIST and his Apostles, as a necessary condition, and a sure means of having our wants supply'd. Our Saviour (*Matt. vii. 7.*) makes our Asking the only means of our Receiving; *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.* And St. James expressly saith, (*Jam. iv. 2.*) that we
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have not, because we ask not; And St. Paul's precept is, (Phil. iv. 6.) that in every thing by Prayer and Supplication, with thanksgiving, we let our Requests be made known unto God.

Now the reason why God requires us to pray to him for his blessing and assistance, is not, that he wants to be inform'd what our necessities are; for he understands them much better than we ourselves; and as our Saviour speaks (*Matt. iv. 8.*) *knoweth what things we have need of, before we ask him.* But the design of making Prayer a religious ordinance, and of obliging christians to *Ask* that they may *Receive*, is, to preserve upon their minds a constant sense of their dependance upon God, and of their manifold obligations to him; that so these daily acknowledgments of the divine power and goodness, may keep up in Creatures a due fear and love of their Creator, and an habitual reverence and obedience to him and his laws.

From hence appears the reasonableness and necessity of *Frequent Prayer*; both in regard to the daily wants of our souls and bodies, which God has no where promis'd to supply but upon our earnest Prayer to him; and also because the cares and pleasures of
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this world are very apt to make us forget the things of the next life, unless an heavenly temper and a sense of God's being and goodness, be preserved upon our souls by the exercise of frequent Prayer, which is a conversing with God, and the nearest communication we can have with him, as long as we continue in this world.

The Apostle commands us (*1 Theff. v. 17.*) to pray without ceasing; and (*Col. iv. 2.*) to continue in Prayer, and watch in the same; and (*Col. iv. 12.*) he speaks of *labouring fervently in Prayer*: From all which we learn, that this service must be perform'd by christians, frequently and earnestly. We read in Scripture (*Acts iii. 1.*) of the *hours of Prayer*; and we find particularly (*Psal. lv. 17. Dan. vi. 10.*) that it was the practice of *David* and *Daniel*, two eminently good and holy men, to pray to God *three times in a day*.

As to the *publick service* of the church, and the times of attending that, every christian is to be govern'd by the orders and customs of the place and nation in which he lives, if not contrary to the laws of God, and is in duty obliged to attend it, and to join with his fellow-christians in praying for their common necessities as oft as health and business

will give him leave, and more especially on the *Lord's-Day*, which is set apart for that end.

But as to Family or Private Prayer, altho' there is no express and positive command how many times a day it shall be perform'd, I think no person or family can be esteemed religious, who do not perform this duty of praying to God, at least *Morning* and *Evening*. A true Spirit of piety and devotion will move private christians who have time and leisure, to retire to Prayer at other hours also; especially when they find extraordinary occasions for the comfort and assistance of God. But sure none who are religiously disposed can think it unreasonable to pray to God with their Families *Morning* and *Evening*; and if their hearts are right they will readily make it suit with their condition and business.

In the *Morning*, when they arise from rest, and before they enter upon their daily business, what can become christians more, than to fall down before God, to thank and praise him for his preservation the past night, to beg his blessing upon the business of the following day, and his protection of body and soul, amidst the dangers and temptations
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of a wicked world? And in the *Evening*, after they return from their worldly affairs and conversation, and before they go to rest, can any thing be more proper for devout and serious christians, than humbly to acknowledge the goodness of God, and to make confession of their own sins and unworthiness; and then upon sincere sorrow for what is past, with hearty resolutions for a better conduct for the future, to ask forgiveness, and the continuance of his favour and protection, especially the night following.

They who can live in the daily neglect of so reasonable a service, and can lie down and rise again without thinking of God, and go about their business without begging his blessing and direction, can have but very little religion, but may rather be said *to live without God in the world*. By the omission of this part of their duty it comes to pass, that they seldom have it in their minds, either that there is such a being as God, or that they are under his eye, or that he has given them laws to walk by, and will require an account in another world, how they have observed them. And as no person, who has not these, or the like thoughts frequently

upon his mind, can be said to live or think like a christian, or indeed like a creature indued with reason, is it likely such thoughts should be much in the mind of any one who lives in the frequent or constant neglect of *Morning* or *Evening* Prayer? For if men think not of these things at the most seasonable times for it, *before* they enter upon business, after they have ended it, is it likely they will fall into such thoughts in the *Midst* of their business and pleasures?

It is to be fear'd, that there are too many persons and families, who are sunk into this unthinking state, and this habitual forgetfulness of Almighty God; which being a condition so dangerous to their souls, we, who have the care of souls, are bound to admonish them of their danger, and to exhort them earnestly to the proper and effectual remedy; which is, this daily addressing themselves to God, and as it were, conversing with him in Prayer. The time it will take up, is very small; but the benefit which it will bring, is exceeding great; no less than the entitling ourselves to the constant assistance and protection of God, and the keeping us in a daily preparation for heaven. And surely no person who calls himself a christian, and

and doth in any degree desire to live as becomes the Gospel of CHRIST, can be unwilling to enter upon a practice, which will be the means of gaining such valuable benefits to body and soul, especially, when that which will procure these benefits, is a work so easy and reasonable, as the lifting up our hearts to GOD for so short a space *before* and *after* the business of this world.

They have seen, by what has been hitherto said of Family Devotion, that this is a very *Reasonable* and *Easy* duty; and that the daily neglect of it is the ready way to loose all sense of GOD and religion. The considerations which I shall add, as a farther inducement to the daily performance of it, will shew them that it is not only a sure preservative against that *Forgetfulness* of Almighty GOD, but also an excellent help towards their growth and improvement in grace and goodness.

To make them truly sensible of this, let them consider the following heads.

I. The great weakness and infirmity of body and soul, and the manifold dangers with which both are encompassed: That the body is perpetually liable to diseases within,
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and accidents without ; and the soul always beset with temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Now, our only security against these dangers is God's protection to defend the body, and his assisting grace to preserve the soul : And as there is no other way to obtain his protection and assistance against these dangers but our Prayers ; so the dangers being daily, our Prayers must be daily too.

And the only sure way to keep up Daily Devotion, is for every Family to fix and appoint for that end, the two most convenient parts of the day ; namely, *Morning* and *Evening*. For except the times of doing it be fixt and certain, the duty will be either wholly neglected and forgotten, or at best, there will be many pretences to omit it. Whereas, when the times of Prayer are settled in a family, they are reckoned beforehand, and all other business is laid and contriv'd accordingly : So that by a little practice, *Morning* and *Evening* Prayer is accounted a necessary part of the business of the day ; and no more to be omitted or forgotten, than the provision for food, raiment, and other conveniences of life. The members of any family, who have been thus accustomed

customed to Daily Prayer, as the only sure means of obtaining God's daily blessing, will be afraid to lie down at *Night*, or go abroad in the *Morning*, without first having made themselves sure of his protection and assistance, by joining with their brethren in Prayer; or, where that cannot be conveniently done, by their own private devotions; or by both, where there is leisure and opportunity for both.

II. It is a further engagement to the beginning and carrying on this godly practice in Families, that our Saviour CHRIST has in an especial manner promis'd his presence with them. For, considering the circumstances of that promise (in the xviiith of St. *Matthew*, verses 19, 20.) it may be more strictly and immediately applied to Family Prayer: *I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that you shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.* Without doubt, CHRIST is ready to assist and answer the devout Prayers of good men, in what place, or at what time soever they are made;

made; but the joint Prayers of a Family must be yet more acceptable and more powerful, as they are sent up with an unity of hearts and souls; which is so becoming among christians, and especially among brethren and relations, and is withal so pleasing in the sight of God.

III. The Practice of Daily Prayer settles in Families a Face and Spirit of Religion; so as no Member thereof can wholly forget God and another world, while they are every day reminded of both. By this, children are trained from their infancy to an use and habit of devotion; and servants are sure of due time and opportunity to serve God every day. For Fathers and Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, are enjoin'd by God to take care of the souls as well as the bodies, of their children and servants; and as it is their duty, so may it be their great comfort to afford them this daily means of becoming and continuing the servants and children of God. Hereby they plant in their hearts a true sense of piety and Devotion; and this prepares and disposes them, when themselves come to be parents and governors, to train up their children and servants to the same method of
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daily devotion. And so, they who settle and keep up in their Families this practice of *Morning and Evening Prayer*, take the true and effectual way, both to preserve in their own houses a Spirit of Piety and Religion, and also to convey that Religious Spirit to future Generations.

IV. Daily Prayer in a Family is a great check and restraint upon any member of it, who may be inclined to Sin and Vice. It makes him remember, whether he will or no, that there is a God, and another world, and that they who would be happy hereafter, must heartily use their own endeavours, and beg the assistance of almighty God, that they may live soberly and religiously here. This is the great end and design of all our Prayers; and though persons who are viciously inclined, may not inwardly join with their brethren in Prayer; yet if they be but present, they must often consider, that what the rest are doing, is in order to a life after this; and that they, as well as their brethren, have souls to take care of; and therefore, that it cannot be safe for them to live in sins, from which they hear their fellow christians daily beseeching God to de-

liver them. Occasional Admonitions or Exhortations to this purpose, may be easily forgotten and neglected by wicked men; but when the thoughts of another world are thus daily renew'd upon their minds it must be a daily check to their wicked courses: And I doubt not but very many persons of evil and debauch'd inclinations, have not only been much reform'd but have become virtuous and religious, by falling providentially into such regular Families, as have kept up this most edifying and Godly Exercise of Daily Prayer.

V. As the Practice of Daily Prayer in Families, is the best way to restrain and reform the bad members of it; so is it an excellent means to make such of them as are well-disposed to persevere in their good dispositions, and to grow daily in grace, and in purity of heart and affection, and to fit them more and more for the spiritual exercises of the next life. The heart of man is by nature carnal and earthly, set upon the business of this world; and not easily brought to take delight in the things of the next. The work therefore which God hath appointed christians in this world, is to purify their hearts and to bring

bring them to a love of heavenly things. And for the effecting of this, he hath enjoined the exercise of several means, as reading, meditation, and the like; but of those means, none is more effectual for that end, than this of Daily Prayer. It is the only way we have of prevailing with God to send his holy spirit into our hearts; and the daily practice and use of lifting up our hearts to God in Prayer, adds wings to the soul, and makes it move towards Heaven every day more naturally and easily, and brings it to a nearer acquaintance with God, and a better taste and relish of that spiritual life, which every one that desires heaven, must desire, and be prepared to live hereafter. To which I may add, that *Daily Prayer*, as it contains in it a solemn confession of sins, gives good christians an opportunity, or rather puts them under a necessity of examining their lives day by day, and of repenting immediately of the sins they commit; and by this Daily Confession and Repentance, they are kept in a right knowledge of their spiritual estate, and have their accounts in readiness whenever God shall please to call for them. Thus, all Families, who have settled and keep up this Daily Cor-

respondence with God in Prayer, do truly *walk with* God, and are constantly advancing towards heaven in the way that he hath appointed, and are making themselves every day more fit for his immediate presence there.

VI. Where Daily Prayer is practis'd in any Family, the members of it are *accustom'd* to Devotion, and by their appearing so frequently before God in a small congregation, can much more readily frame their hearts to due attention and zeal, when they come to appear before him in a larger, I mean, at the publick service of the church; where christians meet, with mutual unity of hearts, to send up their joint Prayers to God for the common necessities of one another. For it is the same spirit of Devotion, that makes us fit both for Publick and Private Prayer; and unless that spirit be kept up by daily exercise, it will of course decay and languish; and when christians come to church, after a disuse of Devotion for some days together, they are in a manner strangers to the work they are going about, and their hearts having been employed only about earthly things, are not readily and easily rais'd up to heaven. Which is the true cause of that coldness, indifference,

difference, and wandering of thoughts and eyes, that is so common in the publick worship of God: And I doubt it is generally true, that they who use no Devotion at home, bring very little to the church. But now, the use and practice of *Daily Prayer* at home, trains up christians to a spirit and habit of devotion, and keeps their minds bent towards God and heavenly things; which by frequent exercise being made familiar to their thoughts, their hearts and affections are easily fram'd and compos'd to such attention, Devotion and Zeal, as becomes the house of God; and they are also arm'd against the temptations to wandering, and those disturbances to Devotion, which frequently happen in great and publick congregations.

The men of this generation pretending to be wiser than former ones, and indeed above what is written, it may not be amiss to answer some *Objections* frequently made use of by the profane and unbelieving person against *Prayer in general*. By such it is said, *That it is very common for two persons, in different parts of the world, and in different circumstances, to beg of God favours that imply a contradiction: For instance; one wants fair weather when another wants rain; and one*
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has a child, or near relation, in some distant country, and begs GOD would grant a quick and safe passage, but another upon some account or other wants a quite contrary wind; now how can all these persons be obliged at once. I answer: If persons make improper petitions it cannot be expected they should be granted; and as to all temporal blessings we are incapable of judging what is most fit for us, consequently all our petitions for such should close with, not ours, but thy righteous, all-knowing will be done.

It has been further objected, by the witty but debauched Earl of Rochester, Mr. Blount, and others, That it is needless to petition a GOD of infinite wisdom, goodness and power, to do what he sees and knows to be good and proper for any of his creatures; and that it must be absurd to imagine that such imperfect beings as we are, can by our Prayers, or any thing we can possibly alledge, move or persuade an all-wise being, who will do what is right whether we pray to him or not.


Answer. Besides it's being said, that he has commanded us to pray to him in his word, lest some should be so blind and depraved, as to disregard a well-attested revelation, and one every way worthy of the
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kind author of it, I would ask, Has it not a natural tendency to rectify our minds daily to oblige ourselves to consider the glorious perfections of God, his unbounded power, his unerring wisdom, and his unchangeable goodness; that he sees our most secret actions and knows our most secret thoughts, and to acknowledge our constant dependance upon him? And where is the absurdity? to suppose, that he who has laid the plan of the natural world, in such amazing harmony, order, and proportion, and has adjusted things to one another, in such exact number, weight and measure, may have so connected the several parts of the moral scheme with each other, as likewise to make, generally, a necessary difference betwixt such as pray unto, and regard the presence of God, and those who do not: Thus the vicious and loose, who generally despise Prayer and Devotion, are punished with diseases and disasters, to which the pious and temperate are not liable. The rash, the passionate, and the proud, are more exposed to evils than the religious and meek, the humble and resign'd. Among men there is a certain temper of mind which justly entitles us to a large share of the favours of our fellow mortals. Will a wise man

man be as kind to the careless, the surly, and the ungrateful, as to the modest, the humble, the grateful suppliant? Till the *eternal, unalterable relations of things cease*, God cannot be supposed to love the impious and disobedient as well as the virtuous, the penitent, and the thankful. Besides, by much thinking upon any thing we commonly grow better acquainted with it; and of all knowledge the knowledge of God is the most excellent, because it tends to make us like him, which is our only happiness; and as it is impossible to pray without thinking on God, 'tis, no doubt, owing to Prayer, that the Being and Perfections of God are so generally known and acknowledged. The Prayer of a sincere and upright man must unavoidably make him more regardful of, and able to perform his duty. Do I pray for enemies, friends, superiors, inferiors, the afflicted? It supposes that I am willing to exercise proper dispositions to them, forgiveness, hearty good-will, and suitable behaviour to all mankind, and all the succour and help my circumstances will admit, whether of estate or understanding; otherwise I trifle with and mock the great God.

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I would add one very great advantage of Prayer, to persons in a dependent state, and inclined to society; that God does hereby most graciously, not only allow but invite us, to relieve our hearts, when most oppressed, by pouring out our moans and complaints into his ear; and it is certainly a great ease under any pressing calamity to unbosom ourselves to a wise and compassionate friend, though he may be acquainted, as God certainly is, with all the circumstances of our case. And however we may be often deceived in earthly Friends, the infinitely wise, and benevolent RULER of all, considers our frame, knows the temptations we are under, pities our infirmities, and will not expose us, nor take any advantages of our distresses, nor of our crimes and follies, if we are heartily sorry for, and guard against them for the future. But whoever would see this argument fully discussed, may consult the ingenious Mr. *Benson's two Letters to a Friend*; from whose first Letter concerning the *End and Design of Prayer*, I have borrowed the greatest part of the aforesaid *Answers*.



PRAYERS for FAMILIES.

A Prayer for the Lord's Day in the Morning.

Bishop PATRICK.

 MOST holy and eternally blessed God; the heaven, and the heaven of heavens is thine, the earth also, with all that therein is; thou art every where, and canst not be excluded from any place; but art present to the greatest secrets of our souls, and seest the closest and most retired thoughts of our hearts. Thou knowest very well with what designs and affections we now bow ourselves before thee, and canst not be deceived by any words we are able to speak in thy praise, whilst our hearts are far from thy fear and love.

We desire, O Lord, that our hearts may be possessed with a mighty reverent sense of thee, and all the benefits that thou hast bestowed upon us; and to be lifted up to heaven

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ven in love to thee, and joy in thee, whilst we bless and praise thee, and speak good of thy name. We here remember with all humility and thankfulness, thee our Creator, and acknowledge thy care and providence over thy antient people, in blessing and sanctifying a day, wherein thou thy self restedst from thy works, that they might cease from all other employments, and admire thy wonderful works; extol thy power, bless thy goodness, and be astonished at thy wisdom, in making, preserving, adorning, and governing this excellent frame of the world. The heavens declare thy glory, O God, and the firmament sheweth thy handy-work. The sun, the moon, and all the host of heaven proclaim the greatness and splendor of thy Majesty. The whole earth is full of thy rich goodness; so is the great and wide sea, wherein are things moving innumerable, both small and great living creatures. There is nothing but what speaks of thee; and above all the children of men, whom thou hast wonderfully made, and curiously wrought, and impressed with thine own image, that they might understand thee, in all, and above all things.

The variety, the order, the steadfastness of all thy works in this great world, abundantly utter thy adorable perfections. But thou, O Lord, by thy goodness, in giving thy son for us, and then raising him up from the dead, and setting him at thy right hand, hast given us new matter of wonder and praise; and consecrated a better rest and holy day of rejoicing, wherein we should behold the glories of another world, and have before our eyes the happiness thou intendest for us there, together with all the excellent means which lead unto it. Thou givest us occasion not only to reflect on all the good things thou hast provided for our bodies; which we can never acknowledge enough; the very health and ease of one day, deserving the thankfulness of many; but we must also remember, that we are thy redeemed ones, and that thou hast done great things for our souls in thy son Jesus, who is entered into the heavens for us, and gone to prepare a resting place for all those that follow him. This exceeding riches of thy grace infinitely surpasses all our acknowledgements; since all the praises we are able to render thee, are less than is due for thy temporal blessings.

To this love we owe the knowledge of thee; the true and only God; our freedom from idolatry and vain conversation; the true principles of holy living; the benefit of repentance; the promise of a pardon; the assistance of thy holy spirit; the ministry of thy angels; the hope of immortal life; and the pledges our Lord hath left us of his endless love. To this we owe thy forbearance in the days of our ignorance; thy unwearied patience towards us in a continual rebellion; and thy earnest entreaties of us, when we were passionately bent upon our own destruction. Thou hast sent us in much love instructors and guides to blessedness. We have had the benefit of sundry pious sermons, good examples, wholesome admonitions, and serious counsels of the power of the Holy Ghost, and divers restraints of fear, and shame, and love; and thou still pursuest us with thy merciful kindness, and beseechest us to attend to thy gracious invitations, and receive thy blessings, and make thee our choice, and be eternally happy in thy divine favour and likeness. What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits towards us?

O help us to manifest our real and unfeigned desires, to make some worthy returns
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to thee, by our careful improvement of the holy opportunity which thou this day puttest into our hands. O that our minds may be more enlightened, to understand the truth, as it is in Jesus; that our wills may be more stedfastly resolved to cleave unto it; that our affections may be excited to a stronger and more ardent love to thee, and to a greater delight in thee; and all the powers of our souls disposed to serve thee at all other times, more chearfully and readily, in all the duties of piety, soberness, righteousness, and mercy; so that every day may become an holy rest to the Lord, by ceasing to do evil, and constantly doing well; and may we glorify thee throughout our whole life; in all our actions, shewing forth thy praises, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light. And enlighten, good Lord, the whole world with the beams of thy glorious gospel; and dispose the hearts of all christian people, among whom the sun of righteousness has so long shone, to walk as children of the light; that so they may offer up unto thee, this day, most acceptable sacrifices, for themselves, and for all mankind; and be fitted and prepared by serving thee in righteousness and true holiness here,
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to shine for ever in his heavenly kingdom with Christ Jesus our Saviour, by whom thou hast given us a good hope in thee, that thou wilt hear our prayers, and do for us above all that we can ask or think; which we humbly beg, in those words which he hath taught us, saying,

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Sunday Night.

Bishop PATRICK.

ETernally blessed, and infinitely glorious Lord God, who keepest mercy for thousands, and forgivest the iniquities of all truly penitent and returning sinners; we present ourselves this evening before thee, acknowledging our manifold sins, whereby we have exposed ourselves to thy just displeasure.

We have been unmindful both of our duty and interest; have broken thy holy laws, dishonoured our holy religion, and wilfully neglected the great salvation thy blessed son purchased and procured for mankind.

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We have come without due preparation to thy solemn worship, and been heedless and unattentive in hearing thy word. O, how cold and flat have we been in thy praises! How earthly, dull, and distracted in our Prayers!

How seldom have we been seriously exercised in holy meditation! How seldom have we recollected thy multiplied mercies to us, so as to become sensible of the many obligations we are under to thee for them; or so thought on our ways, as to turn our feet to thy testimonies!

But, O Lord, we humbly pray thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, to forgive us all our past offences. Direct and guide us in the ways of truth and holiness: And that we may always fear thee our God, help us to set thee always before us, and so to observe and consider thy all-seeing eye that we may dread to offend thee.

Reform whatever thou seest amiss in the temper and disposition of our minds: and be thou graciously pleased to conduct us safe through all the temptations and troubles of this world. To this end, enable us strictly to follow the example of Jesus Christ, and manfully to fight under his banner, against
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world, the flesh, and the devil, vigorously opposing, and valiantly conquering all the enemies of our souls. Help us in conformity to his death, to die daily unto sin, and in conformity to his resurrection, to rise to a life of holiness and obedience, that so we may receive the prize of a glorious and incorruptible inheritance.

O Lord, we render unto thee our most humble and thankful acknowledgements, for thy many and undeserved mercies. It was thy hand that formed us. It was thou that gavest us life, and breath, and being. Our food and raiment, our health and strength, our ease and liberty, the use of our limbs, and the exercise of our reason and understanding, are all derived from thee. We therefore render unto thee, O thou bountiful Giver of all good, our praises and thanksgivings, for thy temporal mercies to us, which we are utterly unworthy of.

But above all, O Lord, we praise thee for thy spiritual mercies; for blessing us in heavenly things in Christ Jesus, which tend to the renewing us after thy likeness in this life, and to the sanctifying and preparing us, for that which is to come.

For ever blessed be thy name, that our compassionate redeemer took upon him our human flesh. We praise thee for his holy doctrine and exemplary life; that he gave himself to death to purchase our redemption; that he compleated that great work by his glorious resurrection. We bless thee that he hath begotten us again to the lively hope of an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away; which is reserved in heaven for all, who, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and honour, and immortality. We praise thee for his glorious ascension into heaven, there to intercede in thy presence for us; for sending the Holy Ghost to comfort and assist us; for appointing a succession of men to preach and propagate the knowledge and practice of his heavenly doctrine, and to administer the holy sacraments, the seals of thy covenant.

We thank thee, O heavenly father, for all the precious promises in the gospel of thy son; and that thou hast made our duty so necessary to our happiness. O, that we may all, so effectually apply our minds to the consideration of thy manifold mercies, that they may work in our souls all those divine virtues,

tues, dispositions and affections, which they are designed by thee to produce in us.

Extend thy mercies, O God, to the whole world, that thy name may be great among the gentiles, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

Bless thy universal church. Put an end to all schism and division, strife and contention; purify and cleanse it from profaneness and ungodliness; from superstition, heresy, and false doctrine; and make it the joy of the whole earth.

Be gracious to these sinful nations to which we belong; forgive our many and great sins; and particularly we pray thee, pardon our abuse of time set apart for thy more immediate worship; our unthankfulness for the light of thy gospel, and walking contrary to its precepts. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins; and grant that by unity and charity, and holiness of life, we may glorify thy great name, and adorn the doctrine of God our saviour in all things.

Continue the light of thy gospel among us: Defeat and overthrow the designs of evil men, that would pervert the truth of it.

Be thou pleased to further with thy blessing all those good designs, that are for the advancement of true religion and virtue. Let no artifices of the devil, or wicked men, render them ineffectual.

Guide and defend our most gracious sovereign King George; let his days be many, his counsels wise and religious, and his reign happy to himself and his people. Let a sense of the inestimable value of souls inspire all bishops and pastors, exciting them to promote and forward the salvation of men, by soundness and doctrine, and holiness of life, and a due administration of thy holy sacraments.

O thou that art the Father of mercies, relieve all that are in affliction, of any kind whatsoever; and grant that all may have cause to say, It is good for them that they have been in trouble.

Be gracious and favourable to us that are here before thee; forgive us all our sins, and remember not the iniquities of our holy things. Defend and protect us this night from all those dangers and mischiefs that may justly overtake us; refresh our frail bodies with quiet and moderate rest, and help us in the renewed strength thereof, vigorously to serve thee

thee in the faithful discharge of the duties of the following day. And in that, and in all other days, enable us to live to thy honour and glory; that in the end of them, we may live with thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose prevailing name and words, we sum up all our wants.

Our Father, &c.



MONDAY MORNING.

Mr. NELSON.

ALmighty God, father of all mercies, we thy unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, (particularly that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver us from all the perils and dangers of the night past), and for all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and the hopes of glory. And we beseech thee to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may
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be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praises, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

We acknowledge, O Lord, that our many, great, and crying sins, have rendered us unworthy of any of thy favours; but, O almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Raise up thy power and come amongst us, and with great might succour us, that whereas through our sins and wickednesses, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us. And thou, O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our natures we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations.

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Give unto us, O Lord, the assistance of thy holy spirit, that for the time to come, we may think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee; may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; that thy grace may always so prevent and follow us, as to make us continually to be given to all good works.

Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy mercy keep us in the same; and thou O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; put from us, we beseech thee, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us. And since it is thou alone who canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant that we may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise, that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Dispose us by all the means of grace, we enjoy, to attain that everlasting salvation thou hast promised, that we may
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both perceive and know those things, which we ought to do, and may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and grant that neither the splendor of any thing that is great, nor the conceit of any thing that is good in us, may any way withdraw our eyes, from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes; but that we may press forward towards the prize of the high calling that is before us, with faith and patience, with humility and meekness, with mortification and self-denial, with charity and constant perseverance unto the end; that so when we shall depart this life, we may sleep in the Lord; and at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy beloved son shall then bestow upon all those that truly love and fear thee.

Charge thy holy providence, O Almighty God, we beseech thee, with us this day; and vouchsafe to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy command-
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ments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose blessed name and words, we conclude our imperfect prayers, saying,
Our Father, &c.



MONDAY NIGHT.

Dr. I N E T.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who art a God hearing Prayers, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; hear us, sinful dust and ashes, that in the multitude of thy mercies come into thy presence, to make our supplications before thee. O cast us not away from thy presence, nor take thy holy spirit from us; but let his assistance help all our infirmities, and make all our oblations acceptable before thee. Whom have we in heaven but thee, O Lord! And what is there on earth that we can desire in comparison of thee and thy favour! It is in thee we live, and move, and have our being: If thou but hidest thy face, a weight of sin and trouble

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does readily beset us; if thou take away our breath, we die, and turn again to our dust; if thou art angry, all our days are gone, and we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told; but in thee, O Lord, is our hope; thou art our strength and our confidence, and our merciful God; and be thou our help in the needful time of trouble. Lord, help us against the law in our minds; and through thy strength make us conquerors over all temptations. Let no sin get dominion over us; but say unto us, *Thou art our salvation.* O Lord, teach us to number our days, and apply our hearts unto wisdom, to redeem our time, because the days are evil; and to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure; that we may not only have hope in this life, but die in the Lord, and be with Christ, which is far better.

Lord be merciful to all that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death; bring them into thy light and thy truth, and guide all our feet into the ways of peace; accept our supplications for all men, for kings, and all that are put in authority. Bless our most gracious sovereign, and all ministers of justice under him; make them all zealous of good works, and let their light shine before men. Be
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merciful unto this sinful land, and heal the disorders thereof; teach us all to love and fear thee; make us a willing and an obedient people, and do thou delight to dwell among us, and do us good. O remove not thy Gospel from amongst us, but let it be a light to our feet, and a lanthorn to our paths; and teach us all to live as becometh the gospel of peace. Bless this place to which we belong: Let virtue and piety, and whatever is praise-worthy, and of good report, flourish and abound in it. Bless all that are near and dear unto us, by whatever tie or relation. Now, O Lord, unto thy care and protection we resign ourselves, our souls and bodies, beseeching thee not to remember against us our former iniquities, nor lay to our charge the sins of this day; to accept our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies continued or vouchsafed unto us this day. Lord, receive us this night into thy arms; refresh our bodies with sleep; defend our souls from sin, and let our persons and property, and all that belong unto us, be secure from danger, for Jesus Christ his sake, our blessed Saviour and redeemer; in whose name, and in whose words, we further call upon thee, as he hath taught and commanded us, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

Dr. HORNECK.

MOST glorious and ever-living God, look down, we beseech thee, with the eyes of pity and compassion, upon us miserable sinners, now prostrate before thee; and grant a favourable ear to our unworthy petitions; thy mercies already bestowed upon us, are infinitely beyond our deserts; we praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord; thou art a tender and compassionate father to all the sons and daughters of men; thou hast protected us from innumerable dangers; thou hast been our refuge, our hiding place, and fortress in all afflictions. We return thee, O Lord, most hearty thanks, in that thou hast been pleased to add one day more to our lives, and vouchsafe us the light of the morning; thou knowest our frame, and remembrest that we are but dust, and how unable we are to keep ourselves, and therefore hast taken care of us, and unto this moment thy favours and loving kindnesses rest upon our souls and bodies. What sacrifices of thanksgiving are we bound to offer up unto thee for thine abundant mercies; for the assistance of thy holy spirit, for thy
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word and ordinances, and for all the encouragements we have to lay hold on eternal life! May we be sensible how good and gracious thou art; and let this work in us a perpetual hatred of sin, and a fervent love to the ways of holiness. Discover to us the errors of our ways; establish us with thy grace, and uphold us with thy free spirit; enable us to do thy will; encourage us to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, and let us not only think of whatever things are praiseworthy, but likewise practise them; and give us earnest desires to imitate the best of mankind; let us delight greatly in thy commandments. Lord, open the eyes of our understandings, that we may look more earnestly upon the spiritual riches thou hast laid up for us, and be enamoured therewith; despise the vanities of the world, and set our affections on things above, that we may at last obtain the end of our faith, and sit down with the lamb in everlasting glory. Be with us the remaining part of this day; make us watchful over our senses; set a watch, O Lord, before our mouths, and keep thou the door of our lips; bless all our lawful concerns and endeavours; prosper whatever thou seest expedient for us: Give us courage, wisdom,

wisdom, discretion, and resolution in our behaviour towards God and men; keep our thoughts fixed upon a better life, that whenever thou shalt call us, we may be prepared to obey thy summons, through Jesus Christ. Bless, O Lord, the Holy Catholick Church, whereof we are members, that by the purity of its doctrine, and the pious examples of its pastors and teachers, we may be able to stop the mouths of ignorant and wicked men; and make thy name adored throughout all the earth. Shower down, we beseech thee, the choicest of thy blessings upon the head and heart of our sovereign, that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory; give him the victory over all his enemies; and, after a long and prosperous reign here, grant that he may be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. Let thy heavenly grace shine forth in all the dark corners of the earth, on *Jews, Heathens*, and all *Unbelievers*; remove their darkness from before their eyes, and illuminate their understandings, that they may see and know thee, the only true God, that with the rest of mankind, who live in thy faith and fear, they may likewise be partakers of that crown of glory, reserved for them in thy heavenly kingdom, thro'
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the merits and mediation, of thy son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose blessed name and word, we conclude these our imperfect Prayers, saying, *Our Father, &c.*



TUESDAY NIGHT.

Dr. HORNECK.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of sabbath. How excellent is thy name in all the world! Thou art to be seen in all thy works, and we have seen thee the day past, in thy various mercies and gracious providences, for which we do here render our most humble and hearty thanks. O God! who is like unto thee? For tho' thou dwellest on high, yet thou humblest thyself to behold the ways of the children of men, and takest compassion upon us sinful dust and ashes! We see thy condescension, and admire it; acknowledge thy loving kindness, and praise thy name. Thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy faithfulness unto the clouds. Thou givest unto us all that our hearts, and souls, whatever faith and reason can desire. What a glorious gift is the son of thy bosom!

bosom! What rich presents are thy promises! How industrious is thy providence to engage our hearts to love thee; yet how backward are we to this duty; how loath to raise our souls above the world; how unwilling to take thee for our greatest treasure. We say and speak glorious things of thee now and then, but they affect not us as they ought to do. O touch our hearts and warm them with the fire of thy sanctuary, that they may be always bent towards thee, and that our whole delight may be in thy service. Teach us to neglect our own will, that we may the better comply with thine. Thou hast done great things for us, denied thyself of thy glory, majesty and splendor to do us good. Give us willing minds and chearful hearts to obey all thy commandments, and enable us to act, speak and live as in thy presence. Let no condition thou thinkest fit to place us in, be uneasy or unpleasant to us: And whenever thou layest thy chastening hand upon us, let us look upon the providence as intended for our good. Whenever we are exercised by temptations, let us not grow impatient, but rest in an humble and chearful resignation to thy will. Fit us for the hour of death; and let us not delay our re-
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penitance to a sick bed. Let the thoughts of death be always in our minds, that so we may prepare ourselves for thy coming. Take us into thy protection this night, O thou shepherd of Israel, who neither slumbereſt nor sleepeſt; ſpread thy wings over us and we ſhall be ſafe. Fit us for the duties of the following day; teach us to commune with our own hearts upon our bed; and to meditate on thy wondrous works. Let our reſt be comfortable to the reſreſhing of our bodies, that we may be the better enabled to diſcharge our duties on the morrow. Let our everlaſting reſt be never out of our minds; and from the ſweetneſs of our reſt upon our beds, let us conſider how much ſweeter our eternal reſt will be in thy boſom. Banish from our minds all fooliſh and vain imaginations; and let us always think ourſelves moſt happy, when we think on thee who art moſt bleſſed for ever. Viſit us with the favour thou beareſt unto thy own people; and give us all ſuch reſolutions to ſerve thee, that we may never be faint or weary in thy ſervice, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, in whoſe bleſſed name and words we further call upon thee, ſaying, *Our Father, &c.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Dr. PATRICK.

O Most great and mighty Lord, the possessor of heaven and earth, all the angels worship and adore thy incomprehensible majesty with the humblest reverence, and rejoice in rendering praise, blessing and thanksgiving to thee, the father of spirits: For thou hast created all things, and in wisdom hast thou made them all, and spread thy tender mercies over all thy works. It is no less our happiness than our duty to join our hearts and voices with that heavenly host, most gratefully to acknowledge thy bounty to us, amongst the rest of thy creatures; and thy particular grace and favour in our Lord Jesus Christ, our most merciful saviour and redeemer. We can never sufficiently admire that love which gave him to die for us, and hath made him the lord of life and glory; that he may be the author of eternal salvation to all those that obey him. All the love we have is too little to give thee, to whom all our services are due by a formal title. Our highest praises fall infinitely short of thy most excellent majesty; and we are
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ashamed of the most affectionate thanks we can render to thee, for those inestimable benefits which thou hast conferred on us, and so long continued to us.

How much greater reason then have we to be abashed at our shameful ingratitude and disobedience to thy divine majesty; for which we are heartily sorry, and do now most earnestly repent ourselves of it; unfeignedly resolving and protesting to be more faithful to thee for the time to come. Pardon us therefore, good Lord, and receive us unto thy mercy: Accept of our renewed vows to study and to do our duties conscientiously, towards thee and towards all men. And as thou hast excited those holy desires and purposes in our hearts, assist our earnest endeavours to perform them constantly in the whole course of our lives.

Our blessed Saviour hath told us, thou wilt as readily give thy holy spirit to them that ask it, as a parent will give bread unto his hungry children; O father of mercies, let it be unto us according to his word. Cherish these little beginnings of goodness, which thou seest in our souls, and prosper all our endeavours to attain a greater measure of it. And since at the best, we are but un-

profitable servants, and can do no more than was our duty to do, enable us to do every thing which thou hast commanded us, heartily with good will, and true love to thy service.

We know this is all that can, in the least, commend us to thy free grace and favour; and therefore we most humbly again devote ourselves to thy will, with a cordial affection to it. We would ever approach unto thee with delight and pleasure, and feel it the joy of our hearts to think of thee, to praise thee, to give thee thanks, and to offer ourselves with absolute resignation to thee. O that mercy may always please us as it pleaseth thee! That we may be strictly just and righteous; may chearfully pass by injuries; freely deny all desires of sinful pleasures, willingly submit to thy fatherly corrections, and perform the duties of our several relations with singleness of heart. Render us so mindful of the great love of our lord and master Christ, that we may be zealously concerned for his glory, and use our utmost diligence to do him and his religion some honour in the world; delighting to commemorate his death and passion, making a joyful sacrifice of our souls and bodies to him, and desiring most earnestly

earnestly his *kingdom may come*, and all mankind submit themselves to his government.

Fulfil, most merciful Lord, all our petitions, and as thou hast mightily protected us, and our dwellings, this last night from fire and thieves, and whatsoever might disturb our repose, blessed be thy goodness, so accompany us all this day with thy blessing, that we may please thee in body and soul, and be safe under thy defence, who art nigh to all those that call upon thee in truth.

And, oh! that all those who are forgetful of their duty to thee, may be awakened to a lively sense of all thy benefits, and fill the whole world with thy praises. Stir up especially the minds of all christian people to enquire after and follow the truth, as it is in Jesus; abandoning all vice and wickedness, and exercising themselves to have consciences void of offence towards thee and all men; and dispose the hearts of all their kings and princes, to make themselves the greatest examples of christian piety to all others. Bless these kingdoms and endue our sovereign with such excellent wisdom and holy zeal for thine honour and glory, that we may see many good days under his government. O that true religion, justice, mercy, brotherly-kindness,

kindness, and all things else that are praiseworthy, may so flourish among us, that we may enjoy the blessings of peace and plenty, and there be no complaining in our streets.

We recommend to thee all our friends and neighbours, all the poor, the sick, and other afflicted persons; desiring those mercies for them which we should ask for ourselves, were we in their condition. O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, put away from them and us, we humbly beseech thee, all hurtful things, and give us those things which be profitable for us, according to the large declarations which thou hast made of thy abundant goodness to mankind in our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose words we conclude our humble supplications unto thee, saying, *Our Father, &c.*



WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Dr. I N E T.

O Almighty and Everliving God, who inhabitest eternity, and yet humblest thy self to behold the things that are done in heaven and earth, and stylest thy self a God

God hearing prayers, a God ready to pardon the failings, and accept the imperfect service of thy creatures; be pleased to hear from heaven, thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest to forgive us; and accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice; let not our guilt intercept our prayers, nor turn thy face from our petitions; but let our present resolutions hereafter, to obey every command thy blessed son has enjoined us, be strengthened by thy good spirit. Let not the provocations of this day, our omissions of duty, our cold or heartless prayers, nor our repeated transgressions of thy law be brought into account, nor enter into judgement against thy servants. Let not the sins of our natures, the sins of this day, nor those of our lives, that have exceeded the number of our by-past minutes, and, like the sands of the seashore, are numberless, ever hide the light of thy countenance from us; but let the sufferings of thy dearly beloved son atone for us, who was wounded for our transgression, and bore our iniquities, and let them be a part of the hand-writing, nailed to his cross, that may neither rise to shame, or condemn us. Be merciful, good God, to the whole race of mankind, to all who desire
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our prayers, to all whom thou hast put in authority, or appointed to serve at thy altar; bless them with such gifts and graces, as may fit them for thy service, and prepare them for thy glory: And since thou hast commanded all flesh to come unto thee, and promised to open to those that knock, that to those that ask it shall be given, be pleased not to cast us out, who with all humility implore thy pardon for the iniquities of this day, and prostrate ourselves before thy throne, to beg acceptance of our gratitude, and in thanks and praise to acknowledge thy mercies towards us: We confess that it is of thy mercy that we are not consumed, that the grave has not this day shut her mouth upon us, nor destruction covered us; that we are yet on this side perdition, and our day of repentance not yet closed up in eternal night and darkness: Be pleased to add thy mercies, in receiving us this night under the protection of thy providence; let thy angels be our guard, and do thou, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, be pleased to watch over us, that we may be safe from all evil accidents, our souls secure from sin, our bodies refreshed with moderate sleep and rest, and we fitted to serve thee throughout our lives, that living

ing we may live to thee, dying we may die in thee; and, whether we live or die, be for ever thine. All which we most humbly beg for the sake and merits of thy son Christ Jesus, in whose comprehensive form of words we further call upon thee, saying,

Our Father, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

Dr. PATRICK.

O LORD, the high and holy one, whose glory is above the earth and heaven, we thy creatures prostrate ourselves in the humblest adorations of thee; ascribing to thee all power, wisdom, riches, might, majesty, and dominion; and acknowledging that to thee of right belongs all worship, blessing, thanksgiving and praise; together with all honour, love, service and obedience for evermore. Blessed be thine omnipotent goodness which hath advanced us to such a degree of being, that we are capable to look back to thee from whom we come; to know thee, to love thee, to acknowledge thy great bounty towards us, and to resemble thee in

wisdom and goodness. All that is within us blesteth thy holy name, for breathing into us immortal spirits, that we may eternally admire thee, praise thee, love thee, and joyfully render those grateful acknowledgments which we owe unto thee. We can never sufficiently magnify thy mercies towards us; especially those in the Lord Jesus, in whom thy grace hath so exceedingly abounded as to surpass not only our deserts, but the largest of our desires.

Blessed, blessed, for ever blessed be thy fatherly goodness, who hath sent him from heaven so unexpectedly to visit us vile wretches, who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the Dust. Lord! What is man that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man that thou didst visit him? We thank thee according to our poor ability, from the bottom of our hearts, for his manifestation in our flesh; for the charitable testimonies he gave of his love to mankind in the course of his life; for that astonishing grace in submitting himself to die for us; for his glorious resurrection and ascension to heaven; for the sovereign power and authority which thou hast given him at thy right hand; for his compassionate intercession for us, and the assurances

assurances we have received of his being the king of glory, and of his continued kindness to us, by the coming of the Holy Ghost. We will never cease to bless thee for that great salvation, which was first preached by the Lord, and was confirmed by them that heard him, and for the witness which thou barest to them, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to thy own will.

We rejoyce in the light of thy holy gospel; that we see the way to be happy both by the doctrine and example of thy son Jesus; that we have the encouragement of his precious promises, and such good hope of remission of sin, and eternal life, in the day when he shall judge the world in righteousness. O how much are we bound unto thee for that comfortable hope which thou hast given us, of seeing our dear Saviour in all his glory, and being there where he is, and reigning with him for ever. We again render thee our most hearty thanks for that everlasting consolation and good hope, through grace, which thou hast given us; and for all those benefits likewise which thou art pleased to bestow upon us, to make our stay here on earth the more convenient and delightful to

us. We are every way obliged to thee, beyond all that we are able to express or conceive. Thou feedest us and cloathest us; thou preservest our health and our strength; thou hast delivered us from innumerable dangers, and when thou hast chastised us, it hath been in great mercy and clemency and not according to our deserving.

O that all the world would shew forth thy praise, and devote themselves to the service of our Lord. Let all kings of the earth submit themselves unto him, and glory in the name of his obedient subjects. High and low, rich and poor, let them praise the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; especially in the assembly of the saints, and by thy church and household, which we beseech thee to keep and continue in thy religion. As thou shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; so grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things which are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same.

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Accept, most gracious God, of these unfeigned desires of us thy servants, who for our parts, entirely dedicate ourselves, both souls and bodies unto thee, resolving in all things to walk worthy of thee, who hast called us to thy kingdom and glory, and blessed us also with many other good things, which makes this life to be a more easy passage to a better. We will never forget how much we are indebted to thee, but study to express our grateful remembrance of thy mercies by living soberly, righteously and godlily in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our saviour Jesus Christ. Favour, we pray thee, these holy purposes with the constant assistances of thy holy spirit; that we may be able to accomplish what we have begun, and to perfect holiness in thy fear. Help us to add to our faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly-kindness, and to brotherly-kindness charity; that these things being in us, and abounding, they may make us to be neither barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 sincerity, by our being stedfast and unmove-
 able in all well-doing, notwithstanding any
 temptation to the contrary, that we may
 have the better hope we shall persevere to
 the very end, through thy continued grace
 in Christ Jesus; in whose words we desire
 all that thou seest needful either for our souls
 or bodies, for ourselves or others, saying,

Our Father, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.

O Almighty God and gracious Father,
 thou hast established the heavens and
 the earth in a wonderful order, making day
 and night to succeed each other, for the com-
 fort and refreshment of mankind; we make
 our humble address to thy divine majesty,
 begging of thee mercy and protection this
 night and ever. O Lord, pardon all our
 sins, our vain thoughts, light or rash words,
 and our irregular actions; and whatsoever
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Behold, O God, our souls are troubled at the remembrance of our sins, at the frailty of our flesh, subject to many temptations, and variety of afflictions. O Lord God of mercy, we earnestly beseech thee so to assist us with thy holy spirit, that we may mortify all our sinful inclinations, vain desires and disorderly passions; that as we have formerly served divers lusts and vicious appetites, so now we may wholly dedicate ourselves to thy service, and the practice of a holy life.

Convince us truly, O Lord, of the great folly and danger of sin, and teach us ever to value thy love above all things, and to esteem thy favour more than life it self; and grant that we may pass through all the temptations of this world with peace, and innocence, and safety; and enable us to fight manfully against our great adversary the devil, who is daily lying in wait to destroy us.

Suffer us not, O merciful God, to be led away by the vain and foolish customs of this world, nor seduced from our duty by the company and example of wicked men; but grant that we may make thy laws the rule of all our actions; and let it be our constant and most zealous endeavours to please thee above all things, and faithfully to discharge our
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duty in the several places and stations wherein thy providence is pleased to place us.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; make us duly mindful that thou art present every where, and privy to our most secret thoughts, that we may never dare to do any thing but what thou approvest, and of which we may give a comfortable account at the great day of our Lord Jesus. O fit and prepare us for that solemn time, by a virtuous and holy life; that when we come to appear before the great judge of all the world, we may be found of the number of those happy souls, whom he shall then pronounce blessed.

Extend thy goodness, O Lord, to all mankind: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks; and bring them to the light, and knowledge, and practice of thy laws.

Bless all our governors both in church and state; make them all, in their several places and stations, useful and serviceable to thy glory, and the good and welfare of this church and nation.

Send down thy blessings spiritual and temporal upon all our friends and relations; do
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good to those who have done or wished us any evil; and vouchsafe unto every one of us, and to all christians, whatever thou knowest to be best, in reference to our temporal and eternal welfare.

Comfort and relieve all those that are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; give them patience and submission in their troubles, and in thy own due time grant them a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And as we pray unto thee, O God, for ourselves and others, so we desire to bless and praise thy holy name, for all thy manifold mercies and favours vouchsafed to us, and to all mankind. We give thee hearty thanks for preserving us this day past, and the rest of our lives from innumerable accidents and dangers, for our health, strength, peace and safety; for providing for our bodies and taking care of our souls; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. O Lord imprint on our hearts such a deep sense of thy mercies, that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service,
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and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Finally, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all that belong to us, to thy fatherly care and good providence; beseeching thee to take us this night under thy Almighty protection, that no evil come near to hurt us. Refresh our bodies with quiet rest and sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy holy spirit; and when thou shalt think fit to take us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in thy eternal kingdom, thro' the merits and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who hath taught us, when we pray, to say, *Our Father, &c.*



FRIDAY MORNING.

Bp. PATRICK.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live, move, and have our being, and whose mercy is over all thy works; we thy needy creatures, in a thankful sense of thy good providence over us, render thee our humblest praises for thy preservation of us
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from the beginning of our lives to this day. Blessed be thy holy name for the continual protection of thy hand, by which we have been defended amidst the changes and chances of this mortal life, and kept and delivered from innumerable dangers, and particularly from the terrors and evil accidents of the past night. To thy watchful providence we wholly owe it, that no disturbances hath come nigh us, or our dwelling, but that we have enjoyed quiet and refreshing sleep, and are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these and all other mercies, our souls do bless and magnify thy glorious name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for his sake, who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, even thy son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we here dedicate both our souls and bodies to thee and thy service, to promote thy glory and our own salvation, in a sober, righteous, and godly life. We renounce the devil and all his works, the vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; desiring nothing so much, as to serve thee

faithfully all the days of our life. And we sincerely resolve so to improve the time which thou shalt be pleased to grant us in this world, that we may daily become better christians, and persevere in holiness and righteousness unto the end. In these resolutions do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; and especially this day keep it stedfastly in the purposes of our hearts to perform them; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: But, Lord thou knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations that we daily meet with; we therefore humbly beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy holy spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. And when thou seest us giving way to any temptations, suffer us not to be tempted above what we are able, but stretch out thy saving hand to deliver us. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee; and above all, keep up in our minds a lively remembrance

brance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded, or punished by him, whom thou hast appointed judge of quick and dead, thy son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In particular, that we then may be able to give an account of this day, grant us grace to have thee and thy law before our eyes, that we may walk in it according to thy will, with watchfulness and circumspection. Keep us sober and temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in the several callings and professions which thy providence has appointed us. Grant us patience under any affliction thou shalt see fit to lay upon us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable among our neighbours; full of compassion towards the needy and afflicted; and ever ready to do good to all men, according to the abilities and opportunities which thou shalt give us; that so walking faithfully before thee all our days, and being found watching whenever our appointed time shall come, we may from a life of righteousness be translated to a life
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of glory, thro' the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

And now we are entering upon the business of the several stations wherein thy providence hath placed us, we humbly beg thy blessing this day upon our honest designs and undertakings. Direct us in all our ways and prosper all the works of our hands; and as we desire to walk in a constant sense of thy all-seeing providence, so let the same good providence watch over us, and preserve our going out and coming in. Defend us from all dangers and adversities, and be graciously pleased to take us and all things belonging to us, into thy fatherly care and protection. These things, O Lord, and whatsoever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient either for our souls or bodies, or estates, we humbly beg of thee for the sake of thy son Jesus Christ, in whose name and words, we conclude our imperfect prayers; saying, *Our Father, &c.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

Bp. PATRICK.

O Lord, the almighty creator and governor of the world, how great and manifold

ifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all. The day is thine, the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun. We thy creatures, prostrate ourselves before thee this evening, in the humblest adoration of thy divine majesty, praising thy incomprehensible perfections, and rendring thee our thanks for all the benefits thou hast bestowed upon the whole world; especially on us, whom thou hast called to the knowledge of thy grace in Christ Jesus. It is a marvellous love wherewith thou hast lov'd us. Thou hast not dealt so with all people; and as for thy great and precious promises they have not known them.

We are bound therefore more particularly to offer up unto thee continually spiritual sacrifices by Christ Jesus, and to praise and bless thy great and glorious name in the behalf of ourselves and the rest of mankind, among whom thou hast left innumerable testimonies of thy careful providence, in that thou dost them good, and givest them rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness. We praise thee, we bless thee, we magnify and extol thy wise and powerful providence we thank thee for thy never-ceasing goodness towards us; especially that
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thou hast vouchsafed to send Jesus Christ to restore us, by his appearing among us, and his humbling himself to the death for us, and his glorious resurrection from the grave, and ascension on high, to a blessed hope of thy mercy unto eternal life.

We can do no less than devote ourselves, souls and bodies, eternally to thee, returning what we have received from thee back again with the greatest love and most grateful acknowledgments. Accept, we pray thee, O most gracious and merciful father, of this small oblation we make thee, of our most hearty and unfeigned resolutions to worship and serve thee in the constant exercise of righteousness, mercy, meekness, patience, humility, and purity, with whatsoever is lovely and of good report. And we humbly beg thy holy spirit may constantly accompany us; enabling us to think of these things, to cleave unto them, and to delight in them, and to persevere in a free and willing performance of all our duty towards thee, and towards all men, to our lives end.

And we most heartily desire the rest of mankind may at last be so happy as to come acquainted with the exceeding riches of thy grace in Christ. O that thy ways may be known

known upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations; that all the Gentiles may rejoice with thy people, and we may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee our God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. O that all idolatry and ungodliness; all cruelty and filthiness, all rapine and violence, may be abolished and rooted out of the earth; and true piety, righteousness, holiness, and brotherly kindness, may flourish in the room thereof. For which end, we beseech thee, endue all kings and princes, especially those that are Christian, with a great sense of thy sovereign authority over all, that they may humbly obey thee, as they desire others should obey them, and govern all their people with great wisdom, uprightness, and a tender, compassionate care of their welfare. O that no covetousness, ambition, or revenge, may rule in any hearts, provoking them to war and bloodshed; but that there may be great peace in all lands, by observing the holy laws of the prince of peace, Christ Jesus.

More particularly we recommend unto thy blessing, these kingdoms wherein we live; beseeching thee to be merciful to our sins, in giving us grace to repent of them, and

to bring forth fruits meet for repentance and amendment of life. Bless our sovereign, and all that are employed under him, either in spiritual or civil affairs, with all those graces which are necessary for the right discharge of their duties, in such high places. Prosper all pious endeavours for the good either of men's souls, or outward estates, that true religion and virtue encreasing, and all ungodliness and vice being put to shame, we may become a renowned nation, and a praise on the earth. We commend to thee also, O Father of mercies, all those who are in a distressed and sorrowful condition; most earnestly desiring their seasonable relief and comfort, with their release from those troubles, when thou pleasest.

And now, that we are going to lay ourselves down to sleep, we put ourselves, and our habitations, with all that belong unto us, into thy most gracious protection, hoping thou wilt take care of us, when we cannot so much as think how to secure ourselves from any danger that may approach us. Thou hast been our helper, keeper and defender; therefore under the shadow of thy wings will we still rejoice.

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When we close our eyes, let these holy thoughts of thee, and affections towards thee, still remain in us and possess our hearts, that they may awake again with us in the morning, and send up our souls in renewed love and thanks, and praise to thy divine majesty, by our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus; in whose words we continue to implore thy mercies towards us:

Our Father, &c.



SATURDAY MORNING.

Bp. PATRICK.

O Eternal God, and most merciful Father, look down upon us thy unworthy creatures, who present ourselves before the throne of thy majesty and glory, to offer unto thee the morning sacrifice of our unfeigned praises, for the many and undeserved favours bestowed upon us; for creating us reasonable creatures, and continuing our understanding, limbs and senses, entire to this present time, and for protecting us from the dangers of the past night, refreshing us with sufficient rest, and bringing us safe to the beginning of this day.

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But more especially we glorify thy name, for thine infinite love, in the redemption of the world, by thy beloved son Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. O Lord, give us all grace to praise thee, not only with our tongues, but by living in obedience to thy holy commands all the days of our lives.

Good God, make us truly sensible of, and penitent for, all the sins that we have committed against thy divine majesty, in thought, word, or deed. Wash away their guilt with the precious blood of thy dear Son; be reconciled to us for his sake, and save us from the wrath to come.

Draw our minds from the love of this world, and teach us to use it with temperance, sobriety, and moderation; with an entire trust and dependance on thy fatherly care and good providence; and with a perfect submission to thy blessed will in all things.

O Lord root out of our hearts all pride and envy, all hatred, malice, and ill-will: Put away from us all censoriousness and uncharitableness; all lying and flandering, and whatever else is contrary to a truly christian spirit; and endue us, we most humbly pray thee,

thee, with that meekness and humility, which is in thy sight of so great value, and with all those holy and christian dispositions, which thou lovest and delightest in.

Instruct us in all the particulars of our duty, which we owe to thee, our neighbour, and ourselves. Guide and conduct us by thy good spirit, thro' all the business and affairs of this life. Teach us to act with faithfulness and honesty in every thing that we take in hand, and give us such a dread of thy displeasure, and such a sense of thy continual presence with us, as may secure us, by thy grace, against all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

O Lord, assist us always with the gracious motions of thy holy spirit, that we may continually arise from the death of sin, unto a life of righteousness. Preserve us from the dangers of evil company, from the deceitfulness of our own hearts; and defend us more especially from those sins, that are most apt to betray and ensnare us. Let thy blessing accompany all our honest labours and endeavours; and vouchsafe us such a measure of health, and other temporal mercies, as thou seekest best and most fitting for us. We desire, O Lord, to leave ourselves and all
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our affairs in thy hands, humbly beseeching thee to take us and all that belong to us, under the protection of thy good providence, and so to bless, direct and guide us in this life, that we may at last obtain that greatest of all blessings, the eternal salvation of our immortal souls, through the merits and for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ; for whom our souls do bless thee, and in whose most holy words we sum up all our own and the wants of all mankind, saying,

Our Father, &c.



SATURDAY EVENING.

Bp. PATRICK.

MOST gracious and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised mercy and forgiveness to all them who confess and forsake their sins; we come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions, of thy righteous laws in thought, word and deed. We have every day been doing those things which thou hast forbidden, and leaving un-
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done those things which thou hast commanded; so that when we look back upon our past lives, and remember that thou art privy to our most secret sins, we are afraid of thy judgments, and ashamed to lift up our eyes unto thee. But, O gracious father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in thy son Jesus Christ, and for the merits of his sufferings be thou merciful to our sins. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them, and work in us a hearty contrition, and let the remembrance of them be more grievous and afflicting to us, than of any other evil whatsoever; that we worthily lamenting our transgressions, and being brought to a hatred of our sins, and a hearty repentance, may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

And lest through our own frailty, or the temptations that encompass us, we be drawn again to our former sins, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy holy spirit; that as thou hast put into our hearts these desires, and resolutions of amendment, so by the help of thy grace we
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may bring the same to good effect, in a godly, righteous, and sober life. Reform whatever thou findest amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls, that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but may always go to our rest in peace, charity and good-will, with a conscience void of offence, towards thee, and towards men. That so our hearts being a fit habitation for thy holy spirit, he may continually dwell therein; and we, whether we wake or sleep, may be under his blessed protection, and have our whole spirit and soul and body, preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

With these Prayers in behalf of ourselves, accept, O Lord, as the testimony of our love and charity, our hearty intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have already heard and received it, live as becomes it. Be more especially gracious unto the church and nation whereunto we belong. Bless the king, and all who by thy providence have authority under him: So rule their
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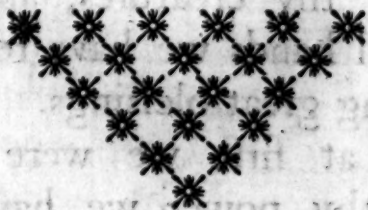
hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may neither want will nor power to punish wickedness and vice, and to maintain thy true religion among us. Send down thy blessings temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all that have done us good; and pardon all those who have done, or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble, or affliction of mind, body, or estate; and do thou, the God of pity and compassion, administer to every one help and comfort, according to their several necessities, for his sake, who went about doing good to the souls and bodies of men, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

To our Prayers and Intercessions for future blessings, we add our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies, which from time to time thou hast vouchsafed us; for our being, our reason, and other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and raiment; and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all we adore thy tender mercy and compassion to us, and all mankind, in sending thy only Son into the world to redeem us from sin,

and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy holy spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us, thro' the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day: Beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us, and to give us grace to shew our sense of them, and all thy other mercies, in a sincere obedience to his laws, thro' whose merits, and intercession we receive them all, even thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In a particular manner, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Into thy hands we commend our souls and bodies, our substance, dwelling, and all things that belong to us. Do thou, our gracious God, who neither sleepest, nor sleepest, be pleased to take both us and them, this night into thy especial care and protection. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the dread and fear of them; that we may enjoy such quiet and refreshing sleep, as may fit us

for the religious duties of the following day, set apart for worshipping thee in thy holy sanctuary. And Lord, make us ever mindful of that time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die; but that whether we live, we may live unto thee, or whether we die, we may die unto thee, so that living and dying we may be thine; thro' the merits and satisfaction of thy Son, Christ Jesus, in whose name and words, we conclude our imperfect prayers. *Our Father, &c.*





Morning Prayer for a Family,

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Used instead of any of the foregoing at discretion.

From the great Importance of a Religious Life.

O MOST gracious God and loving father, in all humility of soul and body, we present ourselves before the throne of thy majesty and glory, acknowledging that we are thy creatures, and that from thy bountiful hands we have received many and exceeding great blessings.

By thee at first we were wonderfully made; by thy power we have ever since been preserved; and it is owing to thy great mercy and goodness that we have not been cut off in the midst of our sins, but that thou hast been patient and long-suffering towards

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towards us, and hast given us this opportunity of coming into thy presence, to renew our praises and acknowledgments to thy divine majesty. O Lord thy compassions fail not, but they are renewed every morning. By thee we have been preserved the night past, and to thy goodness we ascribe it, that we are brought in health and safety to the beginning of this day.

Accept we humbly pray thee, of our unfeigned thanks for all the mercies and blessings which thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us; and pardon we beseech thee, for the sake of thy Son Christ Jesus, our great unworthiness of what thou hast done for us. Give us such a sense of thy infinite love and kindness, as may engage us more and more to love and obey thee, and make us afraid of every thing, that may be displeasing in thy sight.

O Lord vouchsafe us such a measure of thy grace and holy spirit, as may defend us against the snares and temptations of this wicked world, and enable us to overcome all our corrupt and sinful desires. Give us a true sense of the inestimable value of our souls, that we may make it the chief care and concern of our lives, to work out our salvation

salvation with the greatest care and diligence, and to secure an interest in thy favour which is better than life itself.

Withdraw our minds from the love of this world, and place them upon heaven and heavenly things. Give us grace to use the blessings, which thou art pleased to bestow upon us, with temperance, sobriety and moderation; with an entire trust and dependance on thy fatherly care and good providence, and with a perfect submission to thy blessed will in all things.

○ Lord root out of our hearts all pride and envy, all hatred, malice and ill-will. Put away from us all censoriousness and uncharitableness; all lying and slander, and whatever else is contrary to a truly christian spirit; and endue us, we most humbly pray thee, with that meekness and humility, which is in thy sight of so great value, and with all those holy and christian dispositions, which thou lovest and delightest in.

Instruct us in all the particulars of our duty, which we owe to thee, our neighbours and ourselves. Guide us by thy right hand, and conduct us by thy good spirit, through all the business and affairs of this life. Teach us to act with faithfulness and honesty in
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every thing that we take in hand; and give us such a dread of thy displeasure, and such a sense of thy continual presence with us, as may secure us, by thy grace, against all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Be with us, O Lord, this day, wherever we go, and in whatsoever we do. Preserve us from the dangers of evil company; from the deceitfulness of our own hearts; and defend us more especially from those sins, that are most apt to betray and ensnare us. Let thy blessing accompany all our honest labours, and vouchsafe us such a measure of health and other temporal blessings, as thou seeest best and most fitting for us. We desire, O Lord, to leave ourselves and all our concerns in thy hands; humbly beseeching thee to take us under the protection of thy good providence; and so to bless, direct, and guide us in this life, that we may at last obtain that greatest of all blessings, the eternal salvation of our immortal souls; thro' the merits and for the sake of thy dear Son, and our alone Saviour *Jesus Christ*; for whom our souls do adore and praise thy glorious name; and in whose words, we sum up our own, and the wants of all mankind, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

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For E V E N I N G.

Dr. PATRICK.

IN an humble and thankful sense, O Lord of heaven and earth, of our entire dependence on thee, and of the duty we owe thee, and the many promises and vows wherein we stand engaged to thee, we fall down before thee, this evening, and with all reverence worship thy divine majesty, giving thee the glory that is due unto thy name; and acknowledging thy multiplied mercies to us, particularly those of this day, to the conclusion of which thou hast now safely brought us, with new resolutions in our hearts to continue for ever in thy faith, and fear, and love, and obedience.

It is but just and reasonable, and we feel likewise by daily experience, that it is our happiness to keep thy commandments, and to maintain chearful thoughts of thee, and an humble friendship with thee, by complying in all things with thy holy will. O pardon our folly, most gracious God, in forsaking at any time that perfect rule, to follow our own unruly desires. Pardon us, we beseech thee, for we know not how to
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pardon ourselves, for such ingratitude to thee and cruelty to ourselves. It is the grief of our hearts, that we have in the least offended thee; and our most earnest, unfeigned desire to be observant hereafter of an exact conformity to our rule in every thing. Yea, we would delight to do thy will, O God, and take such a pleasure in all the acts of righteousness, mercy, meekness, and gentleness to our neighbours; and in praising and acknowledging thee, the God of all grace, and living in an humble sense of thy bounty, and our own undeservings, and in a temperate and thankful use of thy blessings; that we may have the continual feast of a good conscience, and the constant comfort and satisfaction of having thee always for our friend and our gracious father in Christ Jesus.

O thou, who art the inspirer of such holy counsels, desires and purposes, keep them for ever in our hearts. Encourage, strengthen and increase them, that after the refreshment of a quiet sleep this night, we may feel them lively and powerful in the morning, and with renewed joy we may still devote ourselves to thee; and however

we are severed one from another in this world, grant us a happy meeting at the day of our Lord, in whose words, we beseech thee to hear us. *Our Father, &c.*



A short Family Prayer for any Morning in the Week, when time will not admit of a longer.

Dr. PATRICK.

O MOST great and glorious God, the sovereign of the world, upon whom we continually depend; to whom we owe all the love, the service and the praise, that we are able to render to all eternity. We adore thy infinite mercy, from whence we have received so many blessings for the comfort of this life, and by which we have a sure hope of good things in the life to come. Blessed be thy goodness which has not suffered us to wander without instruction, after the foolish desire of our own hearts, but hast clearly shewn us where our happiness lies. We receive with all thankfulness those holy words which teach us the blessedness of poverty, and contentedness of spirit;
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of meekness and humility of mind; of hungering and thirsting after righteousness; of mercifulness and purity of heart; of peaceableness and patient suffering for doing the will of our Lord Jesus. O that we may have grace to labour always to be of the number of those blessed souls, that never set their hearts to any thing, so much as these heavenly virtues. O that we may ever think and feel ourselves happy in the comforts of those great and precious promises of being made the children of the highest, the heirs of the kingdom of heaven, and at last of seeing thee our God. It suffices, O Lord, that we have these glorious hopes hereafter; which make us believe thou wilt not let us want what is necessary for us, whilst we continue here. We commend ourselves with an humble confidence to thy watchful providence this day, beseeching thee to guide and assist us, that in all our desires, words and actions, we may keep ourselves innocent and undefiled before thee, and be disposed to do all good, as we have opportunity.

And we heartily desire that all mankind may be filled with the same devotion to thee; and especially that all christian people may glorify thy name and be joyful in thee.

And the greater any are in dignity and power, raise their spirits to the greater pitch of wisdom, mercy and piety; that they may right those that suffer wrong, and defend those that have no helper; and provide for the ease and comfort of all miserable creatures to the uttermost of their power. In this ardent charity we commit both souls and bodies unto thee, beseeching thee to increase our love to thee, and to all men, till we be fit to be translated to the region of love and joy, and perfect satisfaction through Christ Jesus, who hath taught us, when we pray, to say, *Our Father, &c.*



For the E V E N I N G.

Dr. PATRICK.

O GOD, we thy creatures who have tasted liberally of thy bounty many ways, and been blessed in our several employments, and mercifully preserved from several dangers this day, are here met to join together in most hearty thanksgivings to thy divine majesty, which with one accord we offer up unto thee. It is the greatest happiness

ness of all, we acknowledge, that we have any sense of thee in our minds, any love to thee in our hearts, any remembrance of thy benefits; any holy dispositions to obey thee, and any hopes that thou wilt pardon our sins, and make us partakers of eternal life.

All that we desire of thee, O Lord, is the continuance and increase of this happiness, that we may be possessed with a stronger sense of thy majesty, thy sovereign power, thy unsearchable wisdom, goodness and truth; and be filled with a more ardent love to thee, and to all righteousness, and delight to do thy will in every thing, and rejoice in hope of thy immortal glory. As for all the things of this life, in a grateful remembrance of thy many past mercies, we entirely trust thee for the time to come, referring ourselves to thy wisdom, and resolving to be content with that portion, which thy good providence is pleased to assign us; help us to be steadfast and immoveable in the work of our Lord, to bring forth all the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, and we shall think ourselves rich enough,

enough, and well provided for in every state and condition of life.

In these holy thoughts and desires, we commend ourselves to thy gracious protection this night, hoping to find them fresh and lively in our souls when we awake in the morning; and desiring withal the happiness of the rest of the world, that they may know thee, acknowledge thee, and be guided unto, and walk in the way that leads to everlasting life, through Christ Jesus our blessed Redeemer, in whose powerful name and comprehensive words, we continue to pray as he hath taught us, saying,

Our Father, &c.



FORMS of Prayer for a Family, on extraordinary and particular Occasions; to be added to Morning or Evening Prayer, or used separately, as the head of the family shall think proper.

To be used the Morning you intend to receive the SACRAMENT.

O MOST holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, the father of mercies, the
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God of Peace and comfort, by whose power we, and all things else were created, and by whose good providence we are all preserved and maintained. Be thou eternally blessed and praised, worshipped and served, with the most ardent love, who hast made mankind so like to thyself, and ordered so many of thy creatures to serve us; and chosen rather to make us a-new, and create us again in Christ Jesus unto good works, than let us be undone by our own shameful disobedience to thee: For thou hast sent thine only begotten Son into the world, adored be thy inconceivable love, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life. For that end hath he laid down his life, and redeemed us by his blood from the hands of our enemies; and triumphed over them all, most gloriously; and in token thereof ascended into heaven, and possessed the crown of immortal life, and sat down at thy right hand, and obtained dominion over angels and men, and all creatures.

We have felt the blessed fruits of his death and resurrection and royal power, whereby he is able to save to the uttermost all them that come to thee by him. Thy holy spirit
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hath breathed often into our hearts; we have been instructed in the gospel of thy grace; and thy servants the ministers of thy word, have not ceased to call upon us, yea, to importune us to follow after our Saviour, to that heavenly bliss in which he lives. And now again thou vouchsafest to us an happy opportunity to improve ourselves in christian wisdom, devotion, and holiness; and we have received thy kind invitations to the nearest approaches to thy divine majesty.

O fill us, we pray thee, with a lively and strong sense of thy bounteous goodness, which has been so many ways expressed towards us. Fill us with pious dispositions to receive more of it according to thy precious promises in Christ Jesus. Stir up in us such thankful acknowledgments to thee, such hearty resolutions to obey thee, such earnest desires and longings to partake more and more of thy divine nature, such love, delight, and joy in well-doing, that our souls may be lifted up above, to that glorious place where our dear Saviour is; and we may comfortably expect, and be truly prepared for a blessed translation thither, at the great day of his appearing.

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Our great unfruitfulness, we confess, in the knowledge of Christ, may justly make thee deny thy gracious influences from heaven upon us. But, O God of all grace, who multipliest mercy, and delightest in doing good, pardon us, and make us better, by the blood of thy son interceding for us, and the power of thy spirit working in us. Quicken our souls to hear thy holy word with greater fear and reverence; to sing thy praises with greater chearfulness and gladness; to pray to thee with more earnest affection and steadiness of mind; to approach to thy holy table with the deepest humility and devotion of spirit; and to receive the renewed pledges of thy love, to our very great increase in faith, and hope, and love to thee, and to all the world; that so this may be a good day to our souls, and we may be disposed and enabled to spend the rest of our days better, as becomes the redeemed of the Lord, who have tasted how gracious he is, and who have received the earnest of eternal life. O that our conversation may be in heaven, by our constant love and exercise of purity, righteousness, mercy, and godliness; that we ever studying to glorify thee, our heavenly father, by bearing much of this good

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fruit, may have the more assured hope that thou wilt glorify us with thy self.

And inspire, we beseech thee, the hearts of all others that meet together this day, to magnify thy great and glorious name, with the like religious affections towards thee. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is excellent, his glory is above the earth and heaven. Let them offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. Let them present themselves a lively sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto him, which is our reasonable service.

Teach us all, O God, the way of thy statutes, and enable us to keep it unto the end. Dispose our hearts to such a love of all christian virtues, that we may put on, as thy elect children, holy and beloved, bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another; if any man hath a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave us, incline us all so to do; and above all these things to put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of thee

thee our God, rule in our hearts, to which we are called in one body; and make us ever truly thankful.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O most merciful father; and after we have perfected holiness here in thy fear, bring us all to compleat our praises and thanksgivings to thee, in the great assembly of saints and angels, thro' Christ Jesus our blessed Lord and Saviour, to whom be glory, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*



A short Family Prayer for Night, when the Heads or more of the Family have received the Communion.

Dr. PATRICK.

O Eternally blessed Lord God, the creator of the world, the father of angels and men, the king of infinite majesty and power, who canst do what thou pleatest every where. The heaven, and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; who art enthroned only in thy own greatness, and crowned with the glory of thy own uncommunicated perfections. There is nothing can be added

unto thee by us, or any other creatures, of whose services thou hast no need, seeing thou art absolutely happy in thy self, and givest to all life, and breath, and all things. But it is our perfection and happiness to admire and praise thee, whom we cannot comprehend; to love thee as much as we know thee, and to obey thee as much as we love thee, with a perfect heart, and a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts.

We praise thee therefore, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. We give the glory due unto thy name; and with hearty love offer up our selves again entirely unto thee, whose we are, and for whom we were made. Justice and gratitude, fear and love, hope and interest, whatsoever hath any power to move our hearts, do all press and mightily urge us constantly to devote and consecrate our souls and bodies to thy faithful service. We cannot neglect thee, unless we will cast away our selves; nor sin against thee, unless we will be our own accusers, judges and torturers; and throw our selves into the greatest miseries. Thou hast been so good to us, that if we should not become
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good likewise, we must hate and abhor our selves, who cannot but love and delight in those who shew us any kindness, and bestow any benefits upon us; though they are but thy ministers and servants, that have nothing, and can do nothing, but what thou hast given them, and inclinest them to do.

By thee we were formed, and brought out of our mother's womb; and by a greater mercy were early born again, and made thy children in Christ Jesus: We have been thy care ever since, and been instructed in that covenant of grace, into which at our baptism we were received, by the knowledge thou hast given us of thy blessed gospel; wherein we read the great love of our saviour dying for us, and have the promise of his spirit to sanctify and govern us; his holy precepts for the rule of our actions; his glorious example to excite and quicken us; and the hope of eternal bliss, by his resurrection from the dead, to encourage and comfort us in well-doing; and in the mean time we enjoy the society of thy saints, the ministry of thy angels, and the direction and assistance of thy faithful servants, thy ambassadors of peace and reconciliation with thee.

All which fruits of thy wonderful love we have long enjoyed; and thou hast this day entertained us at thy table; where thou hast refreshed us with the communion of the body and blood of Christ Jesus, the earnest of a blessed resurrection, and the pledge of immortality, besides innumerable good things, which thy most tender mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon our bodies, to make our passage to that blessedness, through all the troubles and dangers of this life, the more easy and delightful to us. And all this thou hast done for those who have been too idle and useless, cold and dull, inconstant and soon weary of their duty, forgetful of benefits, and unfaithful to their own promises: But thy infinite goodness still continues to do it, to make us more diligent, more zealous, more steadfast, and immoveable, more mindful of thee, and of our own holy purposes, that we may be abundant, as there is reason, in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

And that is the most sincere and fervent desire of our souls likewise, who here most humbly beseech thee, by the power of thy holy spirit, to preserve in us a perpetual and
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affectionate remembrance of all thy undeserved kindneses to us. Stir up all that is within us every morning, to blese and praise thy holy name; that by a renewed, serious acknowledgement of thy benefits, we may be more and more stirred up to love, and to all good works. O that the Lord Jesus, may be always in our thoughts, and in our hearts, that we may make him our pattern as he is our hope. O that nothing may be so dear unto us in this world, as his holiness, his humility, his goodness and charity, his meekness and patience, his entire trust in thee, and resignation to thee, his delight to do thy will, O God, in hope of that eternal life, which thou, who canst not lye hast promised to us. Fix our minds and affections more stedfastly on that glory wherewith he is crowned, by his obedient suffering of death, that we never be weary nor faint in our minds under any sufferings for well-doing; but continuing faithful to the death, may also receive the crown of life. And be graciously pleased, O Lord, to fulfil the devout prayers of thy church, which have been this day offered unto thee for all mankind; especially for all christian people, for these kingdoms, for our sovereign, and all the royal family;

family; for our spiritual pastors and governors; for all sorts and conditions of men amongst us. Let all those supplications for grace, mercy and peace, together with all the praises and thanksgivings which have been rendered for all thy blessings, be ever acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our redeemer.

And particularly, we beseech thee, to accept of this our bounden duty and service: Pity our great weakneses, pardon all our sins and negligences; and deny us not the grace of thy holy spirit, which we have implored, to enable us to amend our lives according to thy holy word: But after thou hast refreshed us with quiet sleep this night, let us feel it moving our hearts to the same holy thoughts, acknowledgements, desires and resolutions, which it now works in us, thro' thy mercy declared unto us by Christ Jesus; in whose words we conclude our prayers, saying, as he hath taught us, *Our Father, &c.*

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P R A Y E R S

For FAMILIES on particular Occasions.

A Prayer for Preparation for Death.

O Most just and holy God, who hast appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgement, where one must receive according to what is done in the body, whether it be good or bad : O Lord, prepare us for this great and dreadful day, and make us such as thy Son will vouchsafe to own before his angels ; pardon our many and crying guilts ; wash us thoroughly from our offences, and cleanse us from all our sins, that when this mortal life is ended, we may rejoice in thy favour, and pass from death to life ; and to be for ever happy in the felicities of thy chosen. But lest our God should come in a day and an hour that we look not for him, and appoint us our portion with unbelievers, Lord, teach us to attend the coming of the bridegroom, and wait all our days till our change shall come ; that when these corruptible shall be changed to incorruptible bodies, and we put off the filthy rags, we may be clothed with immortality, and live for ever with him that died for sinners, Jesus Christ our Lord and blessed Saviour.

Amen.

A short Family Prayer for Patience, Humility, Content and Temperance.

Almighty God in whose power are the hearts of men, and from whom comes every good and perfect gift, in mercy look down upon us, who of ourselves can do nothing but sin against thee. Thou knowest what we are, and remembreſt we are made, and how apt we are to forget our duty to thee. Let thy goodness ſupply all our defects, and thy mercy help all our infirmities. Make us perfect maſters of our paſſions, that the harſheſt diſpenſations of thy providence, may never be uneaſy to us; nor any provocations from men ever hurry us to rage, paſſion, or impatience; but amidſt the trials we meet with here, teach us to preſerve a calm and eaſy temper, a ſpirit ſerene and gentle, and eaſy to be intreated. Root out that pride and vanity that cleave ſo cloſe to our corrupted natures; and give us that meek and humble temper, that may be of great price in the ſight of thee our God; and render us acceptable and uſeful unto men. Give us ſuch a ſenſe of thy wiſdom and our own demerit, that we may think thoſe circumſtances fitteſt for us that thou appointeſt,
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and the worst condition we can be in, better than we deserve; that we may entirely resign ourselves to thy will and conduct, and be content in whatever state thou art pleased to place us. Finally, we beseech thee, that thou wouldst not suffer the temptations to intemperance to prevail upon us, nor our appetites ever to ensnare us; do thou teach us temperance and sobriety, and so constantly assist us, that amidst all the allurements to riot and excess, our bodies may be preserved pure and undefiled, as temples of the Holy Ghost; and all for his sake who was made man, Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*



*A Prayer for Pardon, Faith, Repentance,
Grace, Holiness and Perseverance.*

O Most merciful and almighty Father, who art able out of stony hearts to raise up children unto Abraham; and make us here such as thou wilt accept hereafter; in mercy forgive all our sins, let them never rise in this world to shame us, nor in that

which is to come to condemn us. Let thy mercy, and the merits of thy Son, be the foundation of our faith, and the assistance of thy spirit make us strong and stedfast, active and vigorous, and effectual to the salvation of our souls: Give us a due sense of the guilt and danger of our sins, teach us to hate and abhor them, and by a severe, holy, and timely repentance, fly from the wrath to come. Let thy grace be powerful in us to the beating down the strong holds of sin and satan, enabling us, to mortify our lusts, to subdue our corruptions, and overcome all temptations to sin and vanity. Lord make us holy in all manner of conversation, that our lives may be such as may become the gospel of Christ, and our good works an ornament to our holy profession; and that in good time we may reap, if we faint not. Let perseverance crown our piety, and so direct and guide us all our days, that by patient continuance in well-doing, we may seek for glory and honour and immortality, and life eternal, for Jesus Christ his sake, our most blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Family Prayer for a sick Man.

HEarken unto us, O Lord, our king and our God, for unto thee will we make our prayers, O thou great phyfician of foul and body, who killeft and makeft alive, who turneft man to deftruction, and by thy power bringeft back the children of men from the duft of death, and the jaws of hell. O Lord, hear us, that now call upon thee for this thy fervant; with the wholefome ftrength of thy right hand fupport and grant him the light of thy countenance, make his bed in his ficknefs, and teach him to put his whole truft and confidence in thy mercy, and let him rejoice in thy falvation. With the grace of thy holy fpirit fatisfy all his fufferings, that he turn and inquire after thee his God, before the evil day of death fhall come, and make his peace, before he ftands at the tribunal to be judged for all he has done in his mortal body. O holy father, who art a God of the fpirits of all flefh, look in mercy on this thy fervant; lay upon him no more than thou enableft him to bear. Teach him to refign his will to thine, and by his patience and fubmiffion to thy will, to glorify thee in this day of his vifitation. O Lord,

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we know that man that is born of a woman is not clean in thy sight: And if thou shouldest be extreme to mark all that this thy servant has done amiss, he could not answer thee one for a thousand: But thy mercies are infinite, and thy compassion never fails; therefore for thy mercies sake turn thy face away from his iniquities, and blot out all his transgressions; charge his sins upon the score of thy son, and let the handwriting of ordinances be nailed to the cross, and so wash him in the blood of the immaculate lamb, that his sins which are as red as scarlet may be as white as snow. Seal his pardon before he goes hence and be no more seen; and in this his day let his work be finished, before the night come, in which he cannot work. O Lord heal his soul, and then if it be thy good pleasure, his body also; raise him up to praise thee once more in the land of the living; and make him so sensible, that it was thy hand which gained the victory, that his mouth may shew forth thy praise, and declare the wonders that thou dost for the children of men, and his yet unfinished days make him more fit for the great day of accounts. But if he must shortly die, good Lord, set his house in order;

der ; make his repentance serious, his faith stedfast ; and let the merits of thy son shield him from thy wrath ; and his righteousness protect him from thy justice, that he may be received into the number of the faithful, and enter into the joy prepared for them that love and fear thee. And from every example of mortality, teach us to remember whereof we are made, to consider we are but a shadow that passeth away ; and so to remember our latter end, that living we may live to thy fear, dying we may die in thy favour, and finally pass from death to life, and to all eternity partake in their joys that die in the Lord. Lord hear us and answer us, for thy son's sake, who died to save sinners, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*



A Family Prayer in behalf of a sick Woman.

ALmighty God, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, we beseech thee to look upon thy servant, in whose bones there is no rest, by reason of her sin, and in whose flesh there is no health by reason of thy displeasure ; make haste, O Lord,

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to help her, let it be thy pleasure to deliver her, and make no long tarrying to be her helper and redeemer. O God, if it be thy blessed will, give not over unto death thy servant, that thou now chastenest and correctest, but restore the voice of joy and health, and raise her up to praise thee in the land of the living, and let her rejoice for the great things thou hast done for her soul. But if her glass be run, and she even hard at death's door, O Lord, deliver thy servant, thou hast appointed to die; deliver her from those sins that are too heavy a burden for her to bear; from the snares of the destroyer, the deceitful love of this world, and the wrath to come. Let her death be precious in thy sight, and let her be numbered among thy saints, in glory everlasting; but whether she live or die, Lord make her thine; give her a free and full pardon of all her sins. O let her iniquities be no more remembered before thee; form in her soul the image of thy son, and let her body be the temple of the Holy Ghost. Sanctify her throughout, and make her every day more and more fit for the appearance of the Lord Jesus. Create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within her. Let her faith be
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lively, and work by love; let her hopes be such as purifies from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, and give her a repentance never to be repented of; that when this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruptible incorruption, death may be swallowed up in victory, and she may be crowned with glory and immortality, and that this scourging may be an evidence of thy love, and this chastisement that thou intendest to receive her. Teach her that has received so much good from the hand of the Lord, with the patience of Job to receive the evil too. Let thy strength still wait upon thy rod, and thy comforts sweeten all her sufferings. O teach her to resign her will to thine; and in the midst of all the troubles thou layest upon her, with patience to possess her soul, and suffer her not at her last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee; but, Lord, receive her soul into the place appointed for the spirits of just persons made perfect, thro' the blood and merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for a sick Child, to be said by a
Master of a Family.*

O Almighty God, who didst make and fashion us in the womb, and whose gift children are, with the eyes of pity and compassion look down upon the creature which thou hast made; O Lord, call not our ways to remembrance, but be merciful to us, that this child may live, and do thou that hast ordained thy praise out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, continue this child in the land of the living, and out of its mouth perfect thy own praise. O, take it not away in the flower of its age, but let it live to declare thy power to the generation that is yet to come; but if thou art pleased to take it from us, take it to thy self; say unto its soul, *I am thy salvation*, and let it be with thee in paradise; for the sake of thy son Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



A Family Thanksgiving after any Member thereof is recovered from Sicknefs.

O MOST holy, great and glorious God, the almighty Creator of heaven and earth, who upholdest all things by the word of thy power, and governeſt the whole world with admirable wiſdom, juſtice and mercy; thou deſerveſt the higheſt acknowledgements of all thy creatures. Praiſes of angels are not worthy of thee, nor any of their thoughts equal to thy infinite Majeſty. What can we vile creatures then ſpeak of thee? Or what thoughts ſhall we frame of thy perfections? Eſpecially of thy transcendent love, which hath moved thee in much compaſſion to conſider our weakneſſes and help our infirmities. Thou haſt taught us, by our Lord Jeſus, what we ſhould think of thee; having vouchſafed to dwell among us, and make thy ſelf viſible unto us, not only as the moſt wiſe and mighty; but as the moſt holy, righteous, gracious and merciful Lord; who deſigneſt the greateſt bleſſings to us.

But now that we ſee thee, we have the greateſt reaſon to abhor ourſelves in duſt and aſhes; when we conſider how unlike we are

unto thee, in those excellent qualities wherein thou hast made thy self known unto us; and how unthankful we have been unto thy divine goodness, which has so strangely condescended unto us, who are unworthy of the least regard from thee. And yet such is thy tender mercy and pity towards us, that thou hast declared thy self willing to entertain even the greatest sinners into thy favour, by making them better. We our selves have received innumerable tokens of thy great clemency, patience and forbearance. And now lately thou hast been pleased to give unto us a new instance of thy loving-kindness, and of thy desire to win our hearts unto thee, in rescuing one of us from going down into the grave, and restoring him to health again.

The living, the living, O Lord, shall praise thee, as we do this day: Yea, we will bless thy name as long as we live, and sing praises unto thee as long as we have any being. We will praise thee, O Lord our God, with all our hearts, and glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy towards us, and thou hast delivered the soul of thy servant from the lowest hell. The Lord is our strength and our song, and is become
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our salvation. The voice of joy and health is in our dwellings, the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

O that there were such an heart in every one of us, as to study seriously to know thee better; to meditate continually on thy benefits, both to our souls and bodies; to love entirely, and endeavour to be like unto thee, which is the design of thy goodness towards us. Empty our hearts of all other things; and make room for thy self to dwell there, in wisdom, righteousness and true holiness.

Dispose every one of us to follow Jesus Christ, our master, in lowliness, patience and charity, and to be ordered by the governance of his holy spirit; seeking always his glory, and serving him truly in our vocation with thanksgiving. Help us to employ our time in our health, prosperity and pleasure, that we have nothing to trouble us in the time of sickness, affliction and sorrow; but we may quietly and chearfully bear, what thou layest upon us, looking unto Jesus, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at thy right hand.

O Blessed Lord, deny us not the constant assistance of the Holy Ghost, to cherish, confirm

firm and strengthen our holy resolutions ; to succeed our pious endeavours ; to give us a quick sense of all thy mercies, and lively remembrance of all thy fatherly chastisements, whereby we may be more and more excited to diligence, watchfulness and zeal in thy service. Preserve us from a slothful and negligent spirit, and awaken us in such a sense of thee, that we may search after thy will diligently, and believe it heartily, and practice it carefully, and watch against all temptations heedfully, and pray fervently, and ponder seriously and thoroughly all the instructions we have received from thee, and our many and great obligations to thee.

O that it may be our choice to attend on thee ; and that our hearts may be still with thee, when our necessities require our attendance on other things : That so we may not be too deeply engaged in the affairs of this life, to the prejudice of the eternal life of our souls, but we may go on, to make it our business to be truly godly, according to the pattern which our Lord hath left us, till we be fit to be lifted up to that high and holy place, where we believe he is, and see the glory which thou hast given him.

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Now to him that holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved; to the God of our salvation, to whom belong the issues from death, who hath turned our heaviness into joy, and put off our mourning, and girded us with gladness; to him that doth wond'rous things, the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*



A Thanksgiving on the same Occasion.

Mr. NELSON.

O Almighty God and merciful father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; we desire to bless and praise thy holy name, in behalf of thy servant, whom thou hast been pleased to raise from the bed of sickness, and to restore his former health. Thou hast perfected thy strength in his weakness, and hast graciously heard our prayers, and known his soul in adversity and trouble. Praised be thy holy name for thy gracious dispensations towards him; as long as he lives let him praise thee; as long as he has any
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being let him give thanks unto thy holy name: And we beseech thee, O Lord, let the remembrance of thy late mercies vouchsafed unto him, so affect his soul, that he may be afraid, as well as ashamed to offend thee; that the remainder of his life may be dedicated to the service of that God who hath dealt so bountifully with him. Strengthen and confirm him in the performance of all those good resolutions he made in the day of his distress; and for the time to come, let him place his chief joy and satisfaction in running the way of thy commandments, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*A Family Prayer when a Woman draws near
her travail.*

Dr. PATRICK.

O Most mighty Lord, who hast already given us innumerable pledges of thy love, and many arguments to trust in thee for ever, and to expect with quiet and patient minds the issue of thy wise and good providence. Thou hast respect to all the works of thy hands; especially to the sons
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of men, and to those above the rest that seek thy favour, and give thee the glory of all thy mercies, and are resolved to devote themselves and their children, and all they have, to do thee honour in the world. We most humbly commend thy servant, drawing near the time of her travail, to thy care and blessing, beseeching thee to give her a gracious deliverance, and to ease her of the the burden wherewith she labours.

We ourselves are monuments of that mercy which we beg of thee. Thou broughtest us into this world, and didst unloose the hands wherewith we were swaddled in our mother's womb. We have had long experience also of thy readiness to succour us, and to do us good ever since, many times beyond our desires and hopes, and always beyond our deservings. We dare not but commit ourselves and every thing belonging unto us most heartily into thy hands, remembering that thou hast the same power and goodness still, by which we came into the land of the living; and thou still exercisest them as thy wisdom thinkest most meet.

We cannot desire to be better provided for, than as thy infinite understanding and council judge most convenient for us. Un-

to that we refer ourselves, beseeching thee, if it be thy good pleasure, that her deliverance may be as speedy as her cries unto thee, and her patience as great and as long as her pains. Thou who ripenest the fruits of the earth, and then givest us to gather them to our comfort, blast not our humble hopes of the fruit of the womb, but after thou hast brought it to maturity, deliver it into our hands, as a new pledge of thy goodness to us ; for which we will ever thankfully acknowledge and praise thy name. Or if thou hast otherwise determined, Lord, give us grace to submit to thy holy will, and to rest satisfied in thy wise appointments, and never to distrust thy goodness and care over us. Yea, help us still to bless thee, and to speak good of thy name, saying, the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Family Prayer, for a Woman in Travail.

Dr. INET.

O Blessed Jesus, who didst not abhor the virgin's womb, when thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, but was made in the form of a servant, and born of a woman; according to thy great goodness look upon thy servant, and be merciful unto her, as thou usest to be unto those who fear thy name. Know her soul in adversity and be her helper and deliverer, now her soul is troubled, and her pains take hold upon her. Be thou her present help in this time of trouble, and make no long tarrying, O our God. And till in thy good appointed time thou turn her heaviness to rejoicing, and her mourning into joy, be pleased to support her under all her agonies, and with the consolation of thy holy spirit, comfort her in all her pains. O thou that formest thy image in the womb, and hast brought it to the birth, give her strength to bring forth, and let her live to rejoice in the fruits of her womb. Give her patience to await her hours: fit her for the worst that may happen, and make her for ever thine, for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving to be said in the presence of the Woman after her delivery; which may likewise be used for some time afterwards.

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O Father of mercies, and God of all comforts, we thy unworthy servants do now present ourselves before thee, to return unto thy divine majesty our most humble and unfeigned thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver thy servant from the great pain and peril of child-birth. Blessed be thy name, O Lord, that thou hast turned her sorrows into joy, and her pains into ease and refreshment; continue, we beseech thee, thy fatherly goodness to her; let thy good providence still watch over her, and thy strength support her under all the weaknesses of her present condition.

And grant, O most merciful Father, that not only this thy servant, but every one of us here present, may from the consideration of thy great goodness, be excited to a greater love to thee; and a stricter obedience to thy laws; that thou may'st still delight in us to do us good; and that we serving thee
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faithfully all our days, may at last obtain that greatest of all mercies, the eternal salvation of our immortal souls, through the merits of thy Son, and our alone Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

If the Child be living add as follows.

O Lord, we commend likewise to thy mercy and goodness this tender Infant, preserve it that it may be regenerated and born again by Baptism; that as it is thine by creation, so it may thereby be made thine by adoption and grace. Sanctify it, we humbly pray thee, and take it into thy protection, and so fill it with the graces of thy holy spirit, that it may be of the number of thy faithful servants, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*



*A Family Thanksgiving, for recovery from
Sickness, or deliverance from any common
Trouble.*

Dr. I N E T.

O Merciful Lord, thou hast heard our prayers, and not turned thy mercies from us; but in thy great goodness hast put
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off our mourning, girded us with gladness, and restored the voice of joy and health to our dwellings. O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with us, and of very faithfulness caused us to be troubled; O let thy merciful kindness be continually upon us, and teach us to be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; thou hast considered our trouble and known our souls in adversity; and may we so learn thy statutes, that it may be good for us that we have been afflicted. O let us be telling of thy salvation from day to day; and let all that is ours praise thy holy name; and let us do all that lies in us to make thy honour great in our salvation, and thy name glorious throughout the world; and whatsoever troubles thou layest upon us, for the time to come, let our trust be in thee; do thou deliver us in thy righteousness, and let us never be brought to confusion. O help us in our trouble, for the help of man is vain! And so bless all thy fatherly chastisements, that they may all redound to thine honour, and the good of our own souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PART the SECOND.

Containing proper Forms of Prayer, for a single Person in private; for every Morning and Evening throughout the Week: With two short Prayers to be learned by heart, and privately to be used in the Church, before and after Divine Service.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Bishop KENN and Mr. NELSON.

ALmighty God, father of all mercies, I, thy unworthy servant, present my self with all humility before thy divine majesty, to offer to thee this my morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness vouchsafed to me thy sinful creature. Blessed be thou by all thy creatures, for thy great glory in that stupendous effect of thy power and wisdom, the creation of the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is; more especially
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for the creation of man, the creation of thy great work; for making him after thine own image and likeness, capable of loving and enjoying thee eternally.

But above all I praise and magnify thy name, for thy inestimable love to lost mankind, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ: For his meritorious death and passion, his glorious and triumphant resurrection and ascension, and the mission of the Holy Ghost the comforter.

Glory be to thee, O God, who in compassion to human weakness, not capable of an uninterrupted contemplation of thee, hast appointed a solemn day on purpose for the remembrance of those thine inestimable blessings of creation and redemption. Glory be to thee for proportioning a seventh part of our time to thy self, and liberally indulging the remainder to our own use. O let me ever esteem it my privilege and happiness to have a day of rest set apart for thy service, and the concerns of my own soul; a day free from distractions, disengaged from the world, wherein I have nothing to do but to praise and to love thee. O let it ever be to me a day sacred to divine love, a day of heavenly rest and refreshment.

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Let thy holy spirit, who on the first day of the week descended in miraculous gifts and graces on the apostles, descend on me thine unworthy servant, that I may be always in the spirit on the Lord's day: let his blessed inspirations prevent and assist me in all the religious duties and services of this thine holy day, that I may worship thee as I ought, both in my closet and in the congregation; that my thoughts which were accustomed to wander may be entirely fixed on thee, my tumultuous affections composed, and my flat and cold desires quickened into serious devotions and fervent longings and thirstings after thee. O let me join in the prayers and praises of thy church with ardent and heavenly affections; hear thy word with earnest attention, and a firm resolution of mind to observe and obey it; and whenever I approach thine altar, pour into my heart those most excellent graces of humility, patience, faith, love and all those holy dispositions, which become the solemn remembrance of a crucified Saviour. Let me employ this day to all those holy purposes thou hast appointed, in works of necessity, devotion and charity; in prayer, praise and meditation, and let the words of my mouth,

and the meditations of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Let the prayers and sacrifices of thy holy catholic church, this day offered unto thee, be in mercy graciously accepted; accompany thy own institutions with thine own blessings. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness and pardon all thy people, who are not prepared according to the preparation of the sanctuary. Accept the supplications of thy church for all states and conditions of men: Give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the world for his possession: Prosper the endeavours of those who are sincerely engaged in propagating christian knowledge throughout the world, that thy way may be known upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations. Scatter the enemies of thy church who delight in blood, infatuate and defeat their councils; abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices. And grant that all who confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love; devoutly serving thee in all good works to the glory of thy majesty, that they may inherit thine everlasting kingdom

dom, and enter into that rest, which thou hast reserved for thy people, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, one God blessed for ever. *Amen.*



Before Divine Service.

Dr. PATRICK.

BEhold, O Lord God of heaven and earth, a soul prostrate before thee, desirous to be filled with such an awful sense of thy divine majesty, that no other thing may interpose itself, while I am in thy divine presence. Fix my inconstant thoughts, in a stedfast attention to thy most holy word. Inspire me with devout affections, when I set forth thy praise, and render thanks for all thy benefits; and excite in me such fervent desires for all those things which I ask of thee, that I may feel myself fitter disposed by these addresses to thee, to every christian duty the rest of this day, thro' Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After the Blessing.

Bp. PATRICK.

NOW the Lord of peace himself give me peace always, by all means. The Lord be with us all. The Lord hath been mindful of us, he will bless us. He will bless them that fear him, both small and great. And we will bless the Lord, from this time forth, and for evermore. *Amen.*



SUNDAY NIGHT.

New MANUAL.

O Most great, most glorious, and eternal God. Thou art the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth; in whom we live and move and have our being, and from whom are derived all the comforts and conveniences of this life, and all our hopes and expectations of a better.

With what awfulness and humility, with what fear and reverence, ought I to appear before thee, when I consider the greatness of thy majesty, and the purity of thy divine nature;

nature; that thou hast no pleasure in wickedness, but hatest all the workers of iniquity; and that such as be foolish shall not stand in thy fight.

O Lord I acknowledge that I am not worthy to come into thy presence, nor to lift up my eyes towards the throne of thy mercy seat. My sins and transgressions are many, and divers of them have been often repeated; the corruption of my heart, and the finfulness of my thoughts, are perfectly known to thee; and the punishment due to my sins, is greater than I am able to bear.

I confess, O Lord, that I have not loved thee with that sincerity, nor served thee with that faithfulness which I ought to have done. The interests of this life have been so much my care and concern, as to make me negligent and remiss in the great and important work of my salvation.

How many duties have I omitted, or performed with coldness and indevotion? How often have I been a hearer of thy word only and not a doer? How often both in public and private have I prayed, when my heart has been far from thee? This very day, O Lord, thou hast given me an opportunity of serving thee in thy house; but, alas! my
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services there have been accompanied with so many failings, so many imperfections, that I have just cause to humble my self before thee.

O Lord, if thou shouldst deal with me as I have deserved, how justly mayst thou deprive me of all those means of grace, and opportunities of working out my salvation, which thou hast hitherto vouchsafed me. But, O merciful father, thou hast declared thy self to be a God merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. My only hope, therefore, is in thy tender mercies, which have been ever of old ; and in that pity and compassion, which thou hast shewn to mankind in the redemption of the world, by the death of thy dear son. For thy name's sake then, O Lord, and for thy beloved son's sake, pardon, I most humbly beseech thee all my past sins, and let not iniquity be my ruin. Forgive the deadness of my devotion, the coldness of my affections ; the wanderings of my prayers, and whatever else thou hast seen amiss in me. O pity my weaknesses and forgive my infirmities, and lay not to my charge the imperfections of my religious duties.

Enable me, O Lord, by the assistance of thy good spirit, to amend whatever has been
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amiss, and to endeavour more and more after the attainment of all those graces and good dispositions which are necessary to render our prayers and praises acceptable in thy sight.

O let me never fall into a careless unconcerned state of mind; into a coldness and indifferency towards the duties of religion; but animate and enliven my sluggish heart, and cleanse me from all it's defilements. O replenish my soul with the graces of thy holy spirit, that I may become vigorous and active in thy service and fruitful in every good work.

Give me, O Lord, such a lively sense and conviction of the shortness and uncertainty of this life, and of the momentous concerns of eternity, that I may not be so foolish as to waste my precious time in an eager pursuit after the things of this world; but grant that I may employ it in such a manner, as may be best promote thy honour and glory, and set forward my own salvation. O make me so wise, as to see, and know, and follow the things which make for my peace, lest they be hid from my eyes, and all opportunities of reconciling my self to thee, my offended God, be far from me.

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Let the salvation of my precious soul be my constant care and concern; grant that I may never forget the one thing needful; but give all diligence to make my calling and election sure; that endeavouring in all things to approve myself thy faithful servant, I may from serving thee here upon earth, be admitted, in thy good and appointed time, to the praising thee eternally in thy everlasting kingdom, through the merits of my compassionate saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ, in whose blessed name, and comprehensive form of words I further call upon thee saying,

Our Father, &c.



MONDAY MORNING.

Bp. TAYLOR.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come; heaven and earth, angels and men, the air and the sea, give glory and honour and thanks to him that sits on the throne, who lives for ever and ever. All the blessed spirits and souls of the righteous, cast their crowns before thy throne, and worship him
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that lives for ever and ever. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created. Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God almighty; just and true are thy ways thou king of saints. Thy wisdom is infinite; thy mercies are glorious; and I am not worthy, O Lord, to appear in thy presence, before whom the angels hide their faces.

O holy and eternal Jesus lamb of God, who was slain from the beginning of the world, thou hast redeemed us to God, by thy blood, out of every nation, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign with thee for ever. Blessing, honour, glory and power, be unto him that sits on the throne, and to the lamb for ever and ever.

Most glorious and eternal God, Lord and sovereign of all the creatures, I worship and adore thee with the lowest humility, and give thee all thanks and praise for thy infinite and essential glories and perfections, and for the continual demonstration of thy mercies upon me. I acknowledge, dear God, that I have deserved the greatest of thy wrath and indig-

nation; and that if thou hadst dealt with me according to my deserving, I had at this time been desperately bewailing my miseries in the sorrows and horrors of a sad eternity. But thy mercy triumphing over thy justice and my sins, thou hast still continued to me my life, and time of repentance; thou hast opened to me the gates of grace and mercy, and perpetually callest upon me to enter in, and to walk in the paths of an holy life, that I might glorify thee, and be glorified of thee eternally.

Behold, O God, for this thy great and unspeakable goodness, for the preservation of me the night past, and for all other thy graces and blessings, I humbly present to thy divine majesty, my soul and body, my thoughts and my words, my actions and intentions, my passions and my sufferings, to be disposed by thee to thy glory, to be blessed by thy providence, to be guided by thy counsel, to be sanctified by thy spirit, and afterwards that my body and soul may be received into glory; for nothing can perish which is under thy custody; and the enemy of souls cannot devour what is thy portion, nor take it out of thy hands. This day, O Lord, and all the days of my life, I dedicate to thy honour;

honour; and the actions of my calling to the uses of grace; and the religion of all my days to be united to the merits and intercession of my holy Saviour Jesus, that in him, and for him, I may be pardoned and accepted, who hath taught me, when I pray, to say, *Our Father, &c.*

MONDAY NIGHT.

Mr. KETTLEWELL.

O Most gracious God, who daily multiplieth upon us thy mercies, notwithstanding we every day renew our provocations; accept, I beseech thee, my most humble and hearty thanks for thine unspeakable kindness to me thine unworthy servant. Blessed be thy goodness which hath this day supplied me with food and necessaries, and preserved me in health, the chief of all outward enjoyments, and hath prospered me in all my ways, and raised up friends to be a comfort to me. Adored be thy love and patience for the assistance of thy spirit in the duties of this day; and for not cutting me off

in the act of those sins I have this day committed, particularly my, &c. (*Here confess the particular sins you have been guilty of*) Grant me a due sense of these endearing benefits, and earnest and hearty sorrow for having offended so gracious a God; to whose free mercy and bounty I stand indebted for all I have, or hope to enjoy. Remember not against me my past iniquities, by which I have dishonoured my christian profession, but mercifully forgive and heal me, and let thy grace and the blessed influences of thy holy spirit, defend me against all temptations for the time to come. My full purpose is to endeavour after a thorough amendment of my ways, and thou hast promised to assist me therein. O let thy arm be my almighty aid, so shall I daily increase in righteousness and holiness.

Keep me under the defence and care of thy good providence this night; make my sleep safe and refreshing; fit me for my great change, that it may not surprize me unawares; but that having led a holy life, I may be happy in my death; and have comfort and a well grounded hope in thee.

Give all men grace to repent of all their sins, and to become thy faithful servants. Let all christians live up to the laws of that religion

religion which they profess. Bless these kingdoms wherein we live. Save and defend thy church from schism and heresy, and the king from all treasons and conspiracies. Give to the rich and prosperous temperance and charity, to the poor and needy patience and content. Preserve my friends and relations in their souls and bodies; forgive our enemies, and make them kindly affected towards us. Hear these my prayers, O merciful father, for the sake of thy son, our advocate and only saviour, Jesus Christ, who hath commanded us when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.



TUESDAY MORNING.

Bp. GIBSON.

ALmighty and everlasting God, in whom I live and move and have my being, and whose mercy is over all thy works; I thy needy creature, in a thankful sense of thy good providence over me, render thee my humblest praises for thy preservation of me, from the beginning of my life to this day. Blessed be thy holy Name, for the continual

tinual protection of thy hand, by which I have been defended amidst the changes and chances of this mortal life, and kept and delivered from innumerable dangers, and particularly, from the terrors and evil accidents of the last night. To thy watchful providence I wholly own it, that no disturbance hath come nigh me or my dwelling; but that I have enjoyed quiet and refreshing sleep, and am brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these and all other mercies, my soul doth bless and magnify thy glorious name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this my morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for me, thy Son, my only Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to my life, I here dedicate both my soul and body to thee and thy service, to promote thy glory and my own salvation, in a sober, righteous and godly life. I renounce the devil and all his works, the vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; desiring nothing so much as to serve thee faithfully all the days of my life. And I sincerely resolve so to improve the time which thou shalt

shalt be pleased to grant me in this world, that I may every day become a better christian, and persevere in holiness and righteousness unto the end. In which resolutions, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen me ; and especially this day keep it steadfastly in the purpose of my heart to perform them, that as I grow in age, I may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, Lord, thou knowest the weakness and corruption of my nature, and the manifold temptations which I daily meet with ; I therefore humbly beseech thee to have compassion upon my infirmities, and to give me the constant assistance of thy holy spirit ; that I may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to my duty. And when thou seest me giving way to any temptation, suffer me not to be tempted above what I am able ; but stretch out thy helping hand to save and deliver me. Imprint upon my heart such a dread of thy judgements, and such a love of thy goodness towards me, as may make me both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And above all, keep up in my mind a lively remembrance of that great day, in which I must give a strict account of my thoughts, words,

words, and actions, and according to the work done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished by him whom thou hast appointed judge of the quick and dead, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In particular, that I may then be able to give an account of this day, grant me grace to have thee and thy laws before my eyes, that I may walk in it according to thy will by watchfulness and circumspection. Keep me sober and temperate in my meat and drink, and diligent in the calling and profession which thy providence hath appointed me. Grant me patience under any affliction thou shalt see fit to lay upon me, and a mind always contented with my present condition. Give me grace to be just and upright in all my dealings, quiet and peaceable among my neighbours; full of compassion towards the needy and afflicted, and ever ready to do good to all men, according to the abilities and opportunities which thou shalt give me: That so walking faithfully before thee all my days, and being found watching whenever my appointed time shall come, I may from a life of righteousness be translated to a life of glory, thro' the mediation of Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and Redeemer.

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And now I am entring upon the business of the station wherein thy providence hath placed me, I humbly beg thy blessing this day upon my honest designs and undertakings. Direct me in all my ways and prosper the works of my hands. And as I desire to walk in a constant sense of thy all-seeing providence, so let the same good providence watch over me, and preserve my going out and coming in. Defend me from all dangers and adversities, and be graciously pleased to take me, and all things belonging to me, into thy fatherly care and protection. These things, O Lord, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient, either for my soul, my body or estate, I humbly beg of thee for the sake of thy son Jesus Christ, in whose name and words I conclude my imperfect prayers. *Our Father, &c.*

*TUESDAY NIGHT.*

From the Great Importance of a Religious Life.

MOST great and mighty God, thou art the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, the creator, preserver and governor of
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all things ; thou dwellest in that light, which no mortal eye can approach unto, and yet disdainest not to behold the children of men. Look down, I beseech thee, on me, thy unworthy creature, who am come into thy presence adoring thy majesty, and acknowledging that my dependance is wholly upon thee, who art the author of my being, and the foundation of all my hopes both here and hereafter.

O Lord, I confess that I am a weak and frail creature, my nature is corrupt and miserably prone to offend thee. I find a law in my members warring against the law in my mind. I confess with sorrow it has too often prevailed against me. The pleasures and profit of the world are too apt to engage my affections, and to make me cold and remiss in the great and important work of my salvation. I have been guilty of manifold neglects, and omissions of my duty to thee ; and have not served thee, with that purity of intention, with that sincerity of heart, with that fervency of spirit, with that zeal for thy glory, with that care and diligence, and constancy, that I ought to have done.

O Lord, if thou should'st be extreme to mark what is done amiss ; if thou should'st call

call me to a strict account for my life past, what could I say unto thee? If thou should'st deal with me, as I have deserved, I could expect nothing from thee, but the severities of thy wrath and displeasure: But, O gracious father, thou hast revealed thyself to the sons of men, to be a God, merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; remember then, I beseech thee, thy tender mercies, which have been ever of old, and for the sake and merits of my blessed Saviour, forgive, I humbly pray thee, all the sins and vanities, the follies and indiscretions of my life past. O reserve not my sins to be punished in the day of thy fierce wrath and displeasure, but blot them out of thy remembrance, that they may never rise up to my confusion here, nor my condemnation hereafter.

O Lord, keep up in my mind a lively sense of my duty towards thee, and of that great account I must one day give. Suffer me not, I beseech thee, to fall into a careless and unthinking state, nor to be unmindful of that one thing needful, the salvation of my immortal soul. Make me so sensible of those dreadful threatnings thou hast denounced against sinners, that whatever else

I leave undone, I make it my chief care and concern to secure an interest in thy favour. And, O merciful father, be thou pleased, of thy great goodness, so to assist my weak and feeble endeavours, that I may not be unsuccessful in a matter of such vast concern.

Root out of my heart, O God, by the powerful efficacy of thy grace, all sinful and corrupt affections. Wean me from the vanities and pleasures of this world; and give me a settled and firm persuasion of the uncertainty and insufficiency of all things here below. O, let me never seek for rest and happiness in the enjoyments of this life; but grant that I may daily aspire after that eternal and unchangeable state of happiness, which thou hast reserved for us hereafter; and to which, I beseech thee, of thy infinite love and mercy, to bring me and all thy faithful servants, thro' the merits and for the sake of thy son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Extend thy mercy, O God, to all mankind; in a more particular manner, I pray thee to be gracious to these sinful nations, to which I belong; to pardon our great and crying sins; to avert the judgments which we have most justly deserved; and to put away from us the spirit of infidelity and profaneness,

faneness, of malice and uncharitableness; that thou mayest delight to dwell amongst us and mayest be our God and we thy people.

Bless and preserve the king, and grant that all who are in authority under him, may faithfully endeavour to promote thy glory, and the good and welfare of this church and nation.

Look with pity and compassion on all thy afflicted servants: Be a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow; heal the sick; supply the wants of the poor and needy, and grant that whatsoever is wanting to any one of outward comforts, may be abundantly made up, by the inward consolations of thy holy spirit.

Bless all my friends and relations; reward all that have done me good, and forgive all that have done or wished me any evil; and vouchsafe to every one of us, from the highest to the lowest, whatever in thy great wisdom, thou knowest to be to be needful, both for our souls and bodies.

And now, O most merciful Father, out of an humble sense of thy great goodness, I adore and praise thy great and glorious name, for all the manifestations of thy love and kindness vouchsafed unto me. I bless thee

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for my being, my reason, and all the endowments and faculties of my soul and body; for my health, friends, food and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of my life; for thy continual care and watchful providence over me, through the whole course of my life; and particularly, for the preservation and protection of me the day past.

Give me grace, I beseech thee, to make a right improvement of all thy blessings; and be thou graciously pleased to take me and all that belong to me, this night under the care and protection of thy fatherly providence. Give thy holy angels charge over us, and grant us such refreshment of soul and body, as may enable us chearfully to go through the duties of that station wherein thou hast placed us; and when thou shalt be pleased to call us out of this world, O let us be found of the number of thy faithful servants, through the merits of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, for whom my soul doth bless and praise thee, and in whose most holy words I sum up all my wants, saying,

Our Father, &c.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Mr. H E L E.

ALmighty and most merciful God, I acknowledge in a particular manner thy goodness to me, in not only preserving me from the terrors and dangers of the last night, but for refreshing me with comfortable rest and sleep therein; and that thou art graciously pleased not only to permit, but encourage, and even command us, who are but vile dust and ashes, to make our requests known unto thee; and hast promised by thy blessed Son that whatsoever we ask in his name, we shall receive; assist me with thy grace so attentively to consider the all-sufficient goodness of thy nature and the miserable indigency of my own; that I may set a due value on this inestimable privilege, and rejoice in every opportunity of worshipping thy glorious majesty, and presenting my supplications at the throne of thy grace.

Grant me grace, I beseech thee, to give diligent heed always to keep my soul in a fit temper for devotion; and to walk under such a constant sense of thy all-seeing providence, and my own absolute dependance thereon,

thereon, as may dispose me to be frequently lifting up my heart unto thee; in pious ejaculations, and devout breathings; and especially to be strictly regular and constant in my morning and evening devotion, and in observing, when I am not destitute of an opportunity, the stated hours of public prayer.

And that I may always receive a gracious answer to my petitions, grant, I humbly beseech thee, that in all the addresses I make to thy divine majesty, I may prostrate myself before thee, with becoming apprehensions of thy infinite excellencies and perfections, and of my own vileness and demerits; with such a steady, intense application of mind, as is suitable to the nature and importance of so sacred and advantageous a duty; and with such devout affections, and fervent desires, as may manifest an inward sense and feeling of my innumerable wants and miseries; and a just esteem and value for the inestimable mercies I sue to thee for; with an entire submission and resignation to thy blessed will; and a firm and lively persuasion, that thou art both able and willing to fulfil all my desires, and that if I ask according to thy will, thou wilt assuredly fulfil them in such a manner as shall be most expedient for me.

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And because thou hast made our forgiveness of others, a condition of our obtaining forgiveness at thy hands, and hast commanded us to lift up holy hands in prayer, without wrath as well as without doubting; endue me, I humbly pray thee, with such a meek and humble temper as will not easily be provoked or discomposed; and with such a charitable and beneficent spirit, as may incline me readily to forgive whatever affronts or injuries I may happen to meet with, and chearfully to do all good offices in my power, to any of my fellow creatures.

Finally, I beg that I may always approach thy throne of grace in a due sense, that I am infinitely less than the least of all thy mercies, and utterly unworthy to offer up any petition to thee, but in the name and through the mediation of thy son Jesus Christ, by whom alone we have access unto thee, our offended father; and in whom we are sure to be accepted; for he is our merciful and faithful high priest, who hath put away sin by the sacrifice of himself; and is able also to save all them to the uttermost, who come unto thee by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. To whom therefore with thee, and the holy

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spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, all honour, glory, thanksgiving and praise, now and evermore. Amen. *Our Father, &c.*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Abp. LAUD.

I Offer unto thee, O Lord, my evening sacrifice of a troubled spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, which thou hast promised not to despise. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies do away my offences; let thy unspeakable mercies free me from the sins I have committed, and deliver me from the punishment which I have deserved. Graciously look upon mine infirmities, and cleanse me from all filthiness of flesh and spirit; save me from every work of darkness, and give me grace with a pure heart and mind to follow thee the only true God.

Make me to remember thee on my bed, to think upon thee when I am waking, to commune with my own heart, and search out

out my spirits, and to compose them in thee; that I may rise to thy service, and mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I may be occupied in thy word. Thou hast preserved me from all the dangers of the day past, thou hast been my support from my youth until now; under the shadow of thy wings, let me pass through the darkness of this night in comfort and peace. While I sleep, let my heart wake; preserve me from the dismal sleep of sin; from all the black, defiling pleasures of the night; quench the fiery darts of the evil one, which he aims craftily against me; subdue the rebellions of my flesh, and lay asleep in me all earthly and worldly thoughts. Let not my sleep be intemperate and excessive according to the insatiable desires of the flesh, but sufficient to relieve and maintain nature; and whatever days thou shalt please to add to my life, let them be all devoted to thy service; to the advancement of thy honour and glory.

And O, thou creator and preserver of all mankind, have mercy upon all sorts and conditions of men; bless thy holy catholick church, wheresoever dispersed upon the face of the whole earth; purge her good Lord from all atheism, heresy, schism, superstition,

tion, and factious maintenance of groundless opinions; that one faith, one Lord, one baptism, may in all places be uniformly professed, as thy church is and can be but one. And keep me, O Lord, a faithful, living member, under Christ the head of thy true church his body, all the days of my life, and at the hour of my death.

Bless and preserve our sovereign, make and keep him a devoted servant to thee, a constant pattern of thy church and truth; treasure up in his heart thy hidden blessings; bless him in his person, in his actions, in his relations, and in his people: Grant him long life, and honour, and success all his days; and crown him with an eternal weight of glory in the life to come.

Bless all that labour under afflictions; give them constant patience, or speedy deliverance, as seems best to thee according to their several wants and necessities. Bless all my kindred and acquaintance, my friends and benefactors, and turn the hearts of my enemies, that they may no longer hate me; forgive me and them all our sins, and grant us mercy in the dreadful day of judgment; through the mediation and satisfaction of thy blessed son Jesus Christ, to whom with thee,
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and the Holy Ghost the comforter, be all honour, praise and thanksgiving, in all the churches of the saints for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

Mr. HELE.

O Eternal and ever blessed Lord God, the fountain of being and all perfection; and the supreme and universal governor of the world; I thy sinful creature, and most unprofitable servant, prostrate myself before thee, this morning, in a deep sense of my unworthiness and wretchedness; and in the humblest adoration of thy incomparable excellency and majesty. I adore and most thankfully acknowledge thy infinite wisdom, power, and goodness, so visible in thy works of creation, preservation and providence; and especially in that astonishing love which thou hast manifested to us, in redeeming us from the guilt and punishment of sin, by the blood of thy dearly beloved Son; and from the dominion and power of it, by the
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graces of thy Holy Spirit. I praise thee, that thou hast made me capable of knowing, and loving, and imitating thee in righteousness and true holiness, and of becoming thereby a partaker of thy divine nature.

Pardon, I humbly pray thee, my inexcusable neglect, both of my duty and happiness, in not more carefully improving the faculties thou hast given me; for the contemplation, service, and enjoyment of thee my maker. Pardon me, that I have been governed by sense and passion, more than by the dictates of reason, and the precepts of thy holy word; and that my thoughts and affections have been more intent upon the things of this present life, than upon the things that belong to my eternal welfare. O Lord, I beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, pardon my great and manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws; and grant me henceforward seriously to consider what my capacity and what my danger is; and so faithfully to apply myself to the study and practice of all those duties which thou requirest of me, and hast fitted me for the performance of, that I may at length recover the original rectitude of my nature, and live up to the peculiar excellency of those powers

powers and faculties thou hast endowed me withal.

Possess my soul with just and lively apprehensions of the infinite difference between this world and the next. And grant I may be so wise as to choose the better part, and make it my first and principal care, to provide for my eternal and unchangeable state.

Let thy mercy, O God, extend to the whole world. Bring all nations to the knowledge and belief of thy true religion. And to all those who profess it already, give thy heavenly grace, that they may strive to adorn their holy profession, by a suitable life and conversation. Be favourable and gracious to this sinful land; make us duly sensible both of the evil and bitterness of sin, and of the great danger we are in, by reason of the many crying abominations that are daily committed amongst us. And I beseech thee, stir up the hearts of every one of us, from the least to the greatest, to turn unto thee, by a sincere speedy repentance and reformation, that our iniquity may not be our ruin. Endue all orders and degrees of men amongst us, and especially all our governors, ecclesiastical and civil, with those graces and virtues which may enable them to discharge their
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several trusts in such a manner as will be most for thy honour and glory, and for the peace and prosperity both of church and state. Give ear to the cry of the sick and needy; the sorrowful and distracted; and all that groan under any kind of adversity; and of thy fatherly goodness, comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities. I commend to thy particular protection and favour all my relations, friends and neighbours; grant them all things necessary for life and godliness: Let thy fear be ever before their eyes; and let thy blessing always rest upon them: Make them faithful in their several callings, and eminently holy in all their conversation; guide them with thy counsel in this life, and afterwards receive them into thy kingdom and glory.

And now, O blessed God, through whose mercy alone it is, that I have been preserved the night past, and have another day added to my life, I adore and praise thy holy name, for thy renewed goodness to me this morning, and I most heartily beseech thee to take me again into thy custody; and so to govern me by thy grace, that I may neither think, nor speak, nor act any thing this day, that may displease thee, or wound my own soul. O

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let my heart be in thy fear all the day long; and let me set thee before my face continually. Make it my delight to be doing my duty, and the supreme desire of my soul, to be an instrument of thy glory, and of good to my fellow-creatures. And I beseech thee, O Lord, give thy holy angels charge over me, to preserve me in my going out, and coming in, and to keep me in all my ways, that no evil happen unto me, nor any plague come nigh my dwelling; but that I, and mine may be safe under thy gracious protection, this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught me when I pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.



THURSDAY NIGHT.

New M A N U A L

O Most glorious and everliving God, who inhabitest eternity, and dwellest in that light which no mortal eye can approach unto, I thy unworthy servant beg leave to present my prayers before thy divine majesty.

O Lord, I confess, that notwithstanding all thy gracious dealings and dispensations towards me, I have neither loved thee, served thee, nor obeyed thee as I ought to have done.

The cares and concerns of this life are too apt to busy and employ my thoughts, and make me cold and remiss in the great and important work of my salvation.

O my God, I lament and bewail the corruption of my nature and my manifold sins and transgressions. Where shall I fly for succour but unto thee, who art a God of infinite love and pity? O pity my weaknesses, and forgive and wash away all my sins, in the blood of that immaculate lamb, Christ Jesus; that neither those which I have this day committed, nor any other the follies of my life past, may ever be had in remembrance before thee.

O reserve not my sins to be punished in the day of thy fierce wrath and displeasure; but bury them all in the depth of thy everlasting mercy, that they may never rise up to my confusion here, nor my condemnation hereafter. Look upon me, O Lord, as a reconciled father, in Christ Jesus; speak peace to my

my conscience, and say unto my soul, **I am** the God of thy salvation.

But, O Lord, I beg not only the pardon of my transgressions, but most earnestly entreat that thou would enable me to forsake every evil way, and to walk before thee in newness of life. Let not sin reign in my mortal body, nor any sinful desires take possession of my heart; but by the powerful efficacy of thy grace, destroy in me all evil habits and irregular dispositions, and whatsoever opposes itself to thy most holy will and commandments.

Give me, O Lord, a lively sense and consideration of the shortness and uncertainty of all things here below; that my heart being weaned from the love of this world, it may daily more and more aspire after those joys, which are at thy right hand for evermore.

Make me, O gracious God, a faithful and a wise steward of all those talents thou hast committed to my trust. Let me never apply those blessings to any sinful, or unworthy purposes; nor abuse thy blessings by any ungodly use of the least of thy good creatures: But give me grace to improve them to thy glory, the good of my own soul, and in the

comfort and relief of my distressed brethren; that being rich in good works, and having laid up a treasure in heaven, I may when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless thy holy catholick church; and reform all things amiss in those kingdoms. Root out from among us all profaneness and impiety; all uncharitableness and animosities; that we turning from all our evil ways unto thee, the Lord our God, thou mayest turn from thy displeasure against us, and delight in us to do us good; to build us up, and not to destroy us.

Bless and protect our sovereign lord the King, and make him an instrument in thy hands of great good to this church and nation.

Look down with pity and compassion upon all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Comfort and support them under their afflictions, and give them in thy due time a happy deliverance.

Send down thy blessings, spiritual and temporal upon all my friends and relations. Give us what thou seekest most profitable for us.

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And as thou best knowest all our wants, so be thou pleased to suit thy graces and blessings to the several necessities of our souls and bodies.

To these my prayers and intercessions, I desire likewise, O most merciful God, to add my unfeigned thanks and praise, for all the mercies and benefits which thou hast so freely, and undeservedly conferred on me.

I bless thee for my creation, and preservation, for my health, strength, peace and safety; for thy continual care and watchful providence over me, ever since I was born; and for all the comforts and conveniences I have hitherto received; and in particular for the mercies and refreshments of the day past.

I confess, O Lord, my unworthiness of thy mercies, but in confidence of thy infinite goodness, I beg leave to commend to thy fatherly care and good providence, humbly beseeching thee, to take me and all that belong to me, this night under thy almighty protection.

Refresh our bodies with quiet rest and sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy holy spirit; and when thou shalt think fit to take us out of this world, give us everlasting
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rest and peace, in thy eternal kingdom, thro' the merits and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, who hath taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

Mr. H E L E.

Remember not, Lord, my offences, nor the offences of my forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of my sins. Spare me, good Lord, spare thy servant whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood and be not angry with me for ever.

Spare me, good Lord.

From the guilt and burden of my sins; from the sting and terrors of conscience; from the illusions and assaults of my ghostly enemy; and from the bitter pains of eternal death,

Good Lord, deliver me.

From all impatience and repining at thy chastisements; from dejection of spirit, and distrust of thy mercies; from the fear of death, and from such extremity of sickness, anguish,

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or agony, as may any way withdraw my mind from thee,

Good Lord, deliver me.

By thy manifold and great mercies; by the all-sufficient merits of Jesus Christ thy Son; by his agony and bloody sweat; by his bitter cross and passion; by his glorious resurrection and ascension; by his continual intercession for us at thy right hand; and by the graces and comforts of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver me.

In all the changes and chances of this mortal life; in the day of prosperity, and in the day of adversity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver me.

I wretched sinner do beseech thee to hear me, O Lord God; and that it please thee to look upon me with the eyes of thy mercy; to give me comfort, and sure confidence in thee; and in all my dangers and necessities, to stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty to help and defend me, and to keep me in perpetual peace and safety;

I beseech thee, to hear me, good Lord.

That it may please thee to remember me with the favour thou bearest unto thy chosen; and to give me grace so to follow the
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good examples of thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; that with them I may be a partaker of thy heavenly kingdom, *and I beseech thee, to hear me, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to sanctify to me all thy fatherly corrections; and to grant that whensoever thou shalt be pleased to cast me on the bed of sickness, the sense of my weakness may add strength to my faith, and seriousness to my repentance; and I may so take thy visitation, that after this painful life is ended, I may dwell with thee in life everlasting;

I beseech thee, to hear me, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give me an entire resignation to thy blessed will; to wean my affections from things below; and to fill me with ardent desires of heaven; and finally to make me a partaker of all thy blessings, and promises in Christ Jesus.

I beseech thee, to hear me, good Lord.

That it may please thee to fill my soul with such a comfortable sense and assurance of my reconciliation with thee, that when thou shalt call me to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I may fear no evil; but may lay me down in peace, and when I a-

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wake up, may be satisfied with thy presence in thy glory;

I beseech thee, to hear me, good Lord.

That it may please thee, to give thy holy angels charge over me, to assist me in my last conflict; and to conduct my soul into the blessed society of thy saints in paradise; there to rest in joy and peace, till thou shalt vouchsafe to my body a part in the blessed resurrection to life and glory;

I beseech thee, to hear me, good Lord.

Son of God, I beseech thee to hear me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant me thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

O eternal God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord; and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity, I give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee to give us so clear a revelation of life and immortality

ty by thy son Jesus Christ: And I most humbly beseech thee to give me grace in this day of trial and probation, to fit myself for the employment of eternity; by weaning my heart from the things of this world, and by setting my affections on things above, and having my conversation in heaven; that when I put off this frail body, my soul may be immediately brought into the blessed society of just men made perfect, and readily join with them in singing praises and hallelujahs to thee for ever and ever, through thy only Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught me, when I pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.



FRIDAY NIGHT.

New MANUAL.

MOST great, most holy, and most glorious Lord God, thou hast created the heavens and the earth, and all things that are therein; thou upholdest them all by the word, of thy power, and the host of heaven praiseth thee. What am I, that I should

should presume to speak unto thee; or to lift up my eyes, to that place of purity where thou dwellest.

O Lord, thou hatest iniquity with a perfect hatred, yet I am assured, that thou delightest in the ways of mercy; that thou art a tender lover of souls, and not only permittest, but invitest us miserable creatures to come unto thee.

With humble confidence then, O Lord, I lift up my soul unto thee, in much mercy, to look upon me, and to ease me of the burden of my corrupt and sinful inclinations. O cast me not away from thy presence; but for the sake of my dear redeemer, receive me graciously to thy mercy; and let the merit of his bitter death and passion atone for all the follies and miscarriages of my life past. Forgive, I meekly beseech thee, whatsoever I have done amiss this day, and all my life past, either against thee, my neighbour, or myself. O cleanse me from all my secret and unknown transgressions: And O merciful father, grant that I may seriously consider and reflect upon the foulness and deformity of sin; and what dreadful threatnings thou hast denounced against it; that I may become a true and sincere mourner for my past sins, and as far as

is possible redeem my mispent time, by employing the remainder of my days in thy service, and to thy glory. O make me wise unto salvation, and give me that hatred and abhorrence of sin and iniquity, that I may abstain from every kind and sort of evil.

Give me, O Lord, a new heart, new affections and new desires; that I may love thee with more sincerity, and serve thee with greater faithfulness than I have ever yet done.

Convince me of the vanity and uncertainty of all things below, and grant that I may make thee my only joy and my delight, my stay and my trust, my guide and my counsellor; and be so delighted with the ways of thy commandments, that one day in thy service may be dearer to me, than a thousand spent in vanity and folly.

Teach me, O Lord, so to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom; and grant that in the days of health and prosperity, I may consider my latter end, and remember and provide for that great account which I must one day give before the judgement seat of Christ; that when the hour of my departure shall come, I may meet death without fear and amazement; and with a well-

well-grounded hope of thy mercy and goodness, may cheerfully resign up my soul into thy hands; and may be willing and even desirous to leave this world, when thou, my God, in thy great wisdom, shall see fitting.

O Lord, let me never be separated from thee, but grant that I may be of the number of thy faithful and obedient servants, who are united to thee by grace and good works in this life; and will hereafter live with thee in endless bliss and happiness, through the merits and for the sake of thy beloved son Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour.

O Lord, to thy merciful providence I commend the wants and necessities of all mankind; cause the light of thy gospel to shine in all the dark corners of the earth. In a more especial manner I pray for the good and welfare of this church and nation to which I belong, beseeching thee to pardon all our sins, to turn away thy displeasure from us, and to make us a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Protect and defend our sovereign Lord the King, and grant that under him we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

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Bless the work of faith and labour of love of all those, who zealously endeavour to stop the torrent of vice, and to promote the interest of virtue and true religion amongst us.

Hear the cries of the poor and needy, give ease to those that are under any affliction of mind, or body, and lay not more upon them, than thou wilt enable them to bear.

I pray thee in a more especial manner, to be gracious to all my friends and relations. O Lord thou art thoroughly acquainted with all our wants; O vouchsafe to give us what thou seest best and most fitting both for our souls and bodies.

Accept, O merciful father, of my unfeigned praises for all thy blessings spiritual and temporal. My health and safety and all the comforts of my life, proceed from thy bounty and goodness: To thee therefore I ascribe all possible praise and thanksgiving, humbly beseeching thee to grant me the continuance of thy mercy and goodness.

Take me and all that belongs to me this night under the care and protection of thy good providence. Preserve us from all perils and dangers, and all apprehension or dread of any. Give us such refreshing rest and
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sleep, as may fit us for the duties of the day following; and if thou art pleased to add another day to our lives, grant that we may make a right use and improvement of it, to thy glory and the benefit of our immortal souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in compassion to our infirmities, hath taught us to pray, *Our Father*, &c.



SATURDAY MORNING.

Bp. TAYLOR.

O Almighty God, great Lord of heaven and earth, I, a miserable sinner, with fear and shame, cast myself down before thee, humbly confessing my manifold sins and unsufferable wickedness, by which I have deserved thy wrath and eternal separation from the sweetest comforts of thy presence. I confess, O great God, that I have sinned grievously against thee, by thought, word, and deed; by night and by day, in private and in public, particularly &c. My sins of commission are very many and my sins of omission cannot be numbered. Thy words
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and laws, O God, are holy, and thy judgments are terrible; but I have broken all thy righteous laws, and incurred thy severest judgments; and where shall I appear when thou art angry with me?

But, O Lord, my judge, thou art also my redeemer: I have sinned, but thou, O blessed Jesus, art my advocate; have mercy upon me, a most miserable sinner. Enter not into judgment with me, lest I die; but spare me, gracious Lord, spare thy servant whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood. O reserve not evil in store for me against the day of vengeance, but shew thy goodness in me, and let thy mercy be magnified upon me. Deliver me from the power of sin, and preserve me from the punishment of it.

Thou, whose mercy is without measure, whose goodness is unspeakable, despise not thy returning servant, who earnestly begs for pardon and reconciliation, grant me the forgiveness of what is past, and a perfect repentance of all my sins, that for the time to come, I may with a pure spirit, a broken and contrite heart, sanctified lips and holy desires, serve thee religiously; walking humbly with my God, conversing justly and charitably with men, possessing my soul in
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patience and holiness, and my body in sanctification and honour.

Thou who dwellest in the light, to which no man can approach, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day; I thy servant, whom thou hast preserved the night past, who live by thy power this day, bless and glorify thee, for the defence of thy almighty providence; and humbly pray thee to grant, that this day, and all the days of my life, may be holy and peaceable, healthful to my body, and profitable to my soul. Send thy holy spirit, the spirit of peace, to be the guide of my ways, the guard of my soul and body. Save, defend, and keep me in thy fear and love; give unto me the light of thy countenance, peace from heaven, and the salvation of my soul, in the day of the Lord *Jesus*.

Hear also my prayers for thy holy catholic church; unite all her divisions; extirpate out of her all heresies and false doctrine, accept her spiritual sacrifices; let her live by thy spirit, and reign in thy glory. Remember all them whom thou hast appointed to be stewards of thy holy mysteries; give them such wisdom and charity, such diligence and zeal, that they may be guides to the blind,

comforters to the weary and heavy laden ; that they may strengthen the weary and confirm the strong, boldly rebuke sin, and patiently suffer for the truth,

Preserve O great king of heaven and earth, all christian princes, more especially our gracious sovereign ; crown them with justice and peace, and with the love of God and their people ; let holiness be the ornament of their heads, and let the anointing from above, make them safe and venerable, wise and holy ; that being faithful servants of thee, the king of kings, they may inherit a crown of everlasting glory.

O blessed God, who art rich in mercy and compassion, have mercy on all states of men and women in the christian church : Remember the poor and needy, the widow and fatherless, the friendless and oppressed ; relieve their necessities, comfort their sorrows, strengthen their weakness ; heal the sick and languishing, and them that draw near unto death ; and suffer not satan to prevail over them in the day of their calamity ; give them a deliverance, when thou seest expedient for them, and in the mean time a sanctified use of thy rod.

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Let these my prayers, O Lord, find access to the throne of Grace, through the son of thy love, our blessed mediator and advocate *Jesus Christ* the righteous; to whom with thee, O father, in the unity of the spirit, be all glory, and thanks, all honour and power, all love and obedience, all majesty and dominion, for ever and ever, *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



SATURDAY NIGHT.

Mr. H E L E.

O Eternal and ever living God, who didst at first breathe into man the breath of life; and when thou takest away that breath he dies, and is turned again to his dust; look with compassion I beseech thee, upon me thy creature, and let thy good spirit work in me whatsoever thou seest wanting to fit and prepare me for the time of my dissolution.

Give me that sincere and earnest repentance, to which thou hast promised mercy and pardon. Wean my heart from the world and all it's fading vanities; and make me to pant after those more excellent and durable

joys, which are at thy right hand for ever. Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon me; and in all the pains of my body, and all the agonies of my spirit, let thy comfort refresh my soul, and enable me patiently to wait till my change comes.

And grant, O Lord, that when my earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, I may have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and that for his sake, who by his precious death hath purchased for all believers, a sure and certain title to everlasting life.

And, O merciful God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who art the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die: and whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; I meekly beseech thee, O father to raise me from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when I shall depart this life, I may rest in him, as all thy faithful departed do; and that at the general resurrection in the last day, I may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive the blessing which thy well-beloved son, shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, come ye blessed children of my father, receive the kingdom
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prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

And I beseech thee likewise, O Lord, to accept my unfeigned thanks and praises to thy divine majesty, for all thy graces and virtues which thou hast wrought in all thy saints, and by them bestowed upon thy church from the beginning of the world; who by their lives and labours have shined forth as lights in their several generations; such as were the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs and confessors, whom we remember with honour and commemorate with joy; and for whom, with all others, thy happy servants, our fathers and brethren, who have departed this life with the seal of faith, and do now rest in the sleep of peace, I praise and magnify thy glorious name; most humbly desiring that I may so follow their good examples, that I may together with them, attain to the resurrection of the just, and have my perfect consummation both of my soul and body in thy kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Finally, I beseech thee, most merciful Father, to take me this night into thy care and protection; give me comfortable rest and repose, and deliver me from the power and malice
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of evil spirits, and keep me out of the hands of wicked men; and forasmuch as to-morrow is a day of rest, consecrated to thy holy service, assist me, O Lord, with an ardent desire and holy zeal to attend the public worship of thy church. Prepare my heart, O God, that it may be a vessel of grace, and a purified temple of the Holy Ghost; and grant that I may not only abstain from worldly business, but that I may sanctify it by the exercise of piety, by sincere prayers and joyful praises; by hearing, reading, and serious meditation on thy word, and by a serious preparation for that eternal rest which thou hast promised, and dost reserve in heaven for all those, who love thee and keep thy commandments; and all, in and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who has taught and commanded us, when pray to say,

Our Father, &c.

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A short Prayer, for any Morning, when time will not admit of the Use of the foregoing, in their order.

Dr. SCOTT.

O God, who art my hope and strength, upon whose aid and assistance I depend, look down I beseech thee, upon me a poor helpless creature, who am going forth into a busy world, that is full of snares and temptations. Blessed be thy name, that my heart continues still resolved, upon a thorough course of amendment; and therefore here, in thy dreadful presence, I do most solemnly promise and engage myself, that whatsoever temptations I meet this day, I will not wilfully commit any sin, no, not the sin I am most inclined to; nor omit any duty, how contrary soever it may be to my nature; and hope I may not be surprized and overtaken, through my own inadvertence and unweariness. But this, O Lord, I promise not out of any confidence in my own strength, but in dependance upon thee, and in hope, that out of thy tender pity to a poor impotent wretch, thou wilt not be wanting to me, in any necessary assistance; but that either thou wilt

wilt remove from me all great and importunate temptations, or enable me, by thy grace, to repel and vanquish them; and this I do most earnestly beseech thee in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, with whose pray'r I conclude this my morning sacrifice;

Our Father, &c.



For Evening the same.

Dr. SCOTT.

Blessed be thy name, O most gracious and merciful Father, for those great and numberless favours, which from time to time, thou hast heaped upon me, who am less than the least of all thy mercies; particularly for the signal mercies of this day; for that thou hast not shut thine ears against my prayers, nor withdrawn thyself from me; but hast accompanied me with thy grace, through all those snares and temptations, to which I have been exposed. Praised be thy name, that thou hast not suffered me to be tempted above what I am able; that thou hast so powerfully assisted me against those temptations I have been engaged with; and by putting so
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many good thoughts into my mind, hast strengthened my resolution, and rendered me so successful and victorious. It is to thy grace that I owe all the good I have done, and it is by thy aid that I have escaped all the evils that I have been tempted to; wherefore, not unto my strength, and endeavours, but unto thy name be all the glory and praise of this day's deliverance and preservation. O never let the remembrance of this thy goodness towards me, depart from my mind; but let it kindle in me such a grateful sense, as may more and more incite me to love and obey thee, and depend upon thee for the future. And as thou hast been pleased to conduct me safely, by thy grace, through all the dangers and temptations of the day, so do thou take me into thy care and protection this night; and grant that I may awake in the morning with a heart so inflamed with a remembrance of thy goodness, and so encouraged with this day's success, and so endeared to the practice of virtue by the growing delights and pleasures of it, as that I may persist in my religious course with greater courage and alacrity; and this I humbly beg for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose name and words I further pray, *Our Father, &c.*

A shorter Morning Prayer.

DR. INNETT.

O Almighty Father, to whose goodness I owe the safety and protection of the past night, do thou vouchsafe to accept my praises for the same, and renew thy mercy with the day. Let me as constantly share the light of thy spirit, as that of the sun. Let thy law this day be my guide, thy power defend me, and thy grace direct me, that every day thou addest to my life, may make me fitter for the great day of accounts, and thy mercy for the joys of thy rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught me when I pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

A shorter Evening Prayer.

Dr. INNETT.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, who delightest in shewing mercy, and doing good; pardon the sins I have committed, and teach me thankfulness for the mercies I have this day received. Continue the watchful eye of thy providence over me: Defend me this night from evil accidents, sin and danger; refresh my body with moderate rest and sleep; adorn my soul with the graces of thy holy spirit, and save both body and soul in the day of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, Amen.

Our Father, &c.



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Containing Forms of Private Prayers for the Closet, on extraordinary and particular occasions.

To be added to the Morning or Evening Prayer; or used seperately at discretion.

A Prayer before you partake of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. HELE.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercies didst give thy only Son Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; out of the same tender mercy, assist me with thy grace, that I may worthily partake of that holy feast, which was instituted by Christ himself, in order to perpetuate the memory of

of his death and passion; and to exhibit and apply to every penitent sinner, the invaluable benefits he has thereby purchased for us.

Give me right notions and a clear conception, as of the nature, end and dignity, so of the divine virtue and efficacy of that blessed sacrament; and dispose me to receive it with such a pious and heavenly temper of mind, that in eating of that bread and drinking of that cup, I may be strengthened with might by thy spirit in the inner man, and refreshed with those inward delights of thy grace, which persons truly devout feel at the table of the Lord.

Grant me, I humbly pray thee, such a sense of my sins, and of the sufferings of my blessed saviour for them, as may affect my heart with a deep sorrow and contrition for the unworthy returns I have made to his infinite love; and inspire me with earnest desires and resolutions, to devote myself henceforward to his honour and service, and to live answerably to the engagements of that holy covenant, which I was admitted into at my baptism, and am now going to renew in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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Poſſeſs my heart with becoming ſentiments of love and joy and gratitude, at the remembrance of thy incomprehenſible goodneſs, in giving up thy only begotten ſon to die for us; and of the exceeding great love and condeſcenſion of our bleſſed redeemer in humbling himſelf, even to the cruel and ignominious death of the croſs, for our ſakes.

By his death, I do firmly believe that he has made a full, perfect and ſufficient ſacrifice, oblation, and ſatisfaction for the ſins of the whole world. Lord increaſe this faith in me evermore; and upon this occaſion, eſpecially, give me grace to approach thee with a lively faith in thoſe moſt gracious promiſes, which thou haſt made to penitent ſinners, through him; and an aſſured perſwaſion, that if I come duly prepared to his holy table, they will all be effectually applied and made good to me in particular.

Finally, ſince that bleſſed ſacrament I am now preparing to receive, was deſigned by our Saviour, not only as a memorial and pledge of his love to us; but a means of engaging all his diſciples to live in the ſtrictest love and charity towards one another, grant I moſt humbly beſeech thee, that laying aſide all bitterneſs and wrath, and anger and clamour

clamour, and evil-speaking, I may come to thy holy table with a heart in perfect charity with all the world, and fully resolved to make myself appear, in the future course of my life, to be Christ's disciple indeed, by walking in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet smelling savour.

These holy dispositions, O Lord, and all others necessary to make me an acceptable guest at the Lord's table, I humbly beg for the merits, and through the meditation of thy Son my ever blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath both taught and commanded me, when I pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament.

Mr. H E L E.

A Ccept, O Lord, I beseech thee, my unfeigned thanks and praises to thy divine majesty, for the renewed instances of thy incomprehensible love and goodness, vouchsafed to me this day.

O Lord, what is man, that thou shouldst so regard him, as to give thy only begotten Son, to be the propitiation for our sins? And what am I, that thou shouldest permit me to have a part in that most precious attonement? That I who am not worthy of the daily bread that sustains the body, should be made partaker of this bread of life, which nourisheth the soul; and that the God of perfect purity should vouchsafe to unite himself to so polluted a creature.

O my God, suffer me no more, I beseech thee, to abuse thy grace, and to make thy mercy an occasion of my security; but let this unspeakable love of thine constrain me henceforward to a sincere and universal obedience; that as my blessed Saviour died for me, so I may no longer live to my self; but to him that has so dearly bought me.

O let my Saviour's suffering for my sins, and the vows I have now made against them, never depart from my mind; but let the remembrance of the one excite me to perform the other; that as I have lifted myself a-new under his banner, so I may fight manfully against those irreconcilable enemies of his, my lusts, which would not that he should reign over me; and may chearfully follow the captain

captain of my salvation, even through a sea of blood, if it should ever please thee to call me to so blessed a priviledge.

Lord, lift up my hands that hang down, and strengthen my feeble knees that I faint not in this warfare. O be thou my strength, who am not able of myself to struggle with the slightest temptation. Alas, how many of these sacramental vows have I broken already; and I have still the same inconstant, deceitful heart, to betray me to the breach of this. O thou, who art yea and amen, in whom there is no variableness, nor shadow of change, communicate to me, I beseech thee, such a stability of mind, that I may no more thus start aside like a broken bow; but having my heart whole with thee, may so faithfully perform the conditions of that covenant, which thou hast now permitted me to renew at thy altar, that I may finally attain the completion of all those blessings which thou hast been graciously pleased to promise us in the same, through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy only Son our Saviour, who hath taught me, when I pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

For Spiritual Devotion, in worshipping God.

Mr. H E L E.

ALmighty and most merciful God, who hast been graciously pleased not only to permit, but encourage, and even command us, who are but vile dust and ashes, to make our requests known unto thee, and hast promised by thy blessed Son, that whatsoever we ask in his name, we shall receive; assist me with thy grace so attentively to consider the all sufficient goodness of thy nature, and the miserable indigency of my own; that I may set a due value on this inestimable priviledge, and rejoyce in every opportunity of worshipping thy glorious majesty, and presenting my supplications at the throne of thy grace.

Grant me grace I beseech thee, to give diligent heed always to keep my soul in a fit temper for devotion, and to walk under such a constant sense of thy all-seeing providence, and my absolute dependance, as may dispose me to be frequently lifting up my heart unto thee, in pious ejaculations and devout breathings, and especially to be strictly regular and constant in my morning and evening devotions,

tions, and in observing the stated hours of public prayer.

And that I may always receive a gracious answer to my petitions, grant, I humbly beseech thee that in all the addresses I make to thy divine majesty, I may prostrate myself before thee with becoming apprehensions of thy infinite excellencies and perfections, and of my own vileness and demerits, with such a steady, intense, application of mind, as is suitable to the nature and importance of so sacred and advantageous a duty, and with such devout affections and fervent desires, as may manifest an inward sense and feeling of my innumerable wants and miseries, and a just esteem and value, for the inestimable mercies I sue to thee for; with an entire submission and resignation to thy blessed will; and a firm and lively persuasion, that thou art both able and willing to fulfil all my desires; and that if I ask according to thy will, thou assuredly wilt fulfil them, not according to my weak apprehensions, but in such a manner, as shall be most expedient for me.

And because thou hast made our forgiveness of others, a condition of our obtaining forgiveness at thy hands; and hast com-

manded us to lift up holy hands in prayer, without wrath, as well as without doubting; endue me, I humbly pray thee, with such a meek and even temper, as will not easily be provoked and discomposed; and with such a charitable and beneficent spirit, as may incline me readily to forgive whatever affronts or injuries I may happen to meet with, and chearfully to do all good offices in my power, to any of my fellow-creatures.

Finally, I beg that I may always approach thy throne of grace, in a due sense, that I am infinitely less than the least of all thy mercies, and utterly unworthy to offer up any petition to thee, but in the name and through the mediation of thy Son Jesus, Christ, by whom alone we have access unto thee, our offended father, and in whom we are sure to be accepted; for he is our merciful and faithful high priest, who hath put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and is able also to save all them to the uttermost, who come unto thee by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. To whom therefore with thee and the holy spirit, be ascribed as is most due, all honour, glory, thanksgiving and praise, now and evermore.

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On any Festival, in remembrance of our Saviour.

Dr. P T A R I C K.

O Most glorious God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of lights, from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift; with whom there is no variable-ness nor shadow of change. Thou always wast and ever will be happy without us, or any of the praises that we, or any other creatures, are able to render unto thee. But it is our duty, our perfection and high privilege, constantly to acknowledge thee, with joy and exultation of spirit, in remembrance of thy infinite bounty to us, and to all the world.

Every day tells us, how good thou art, and every one of thy creatures calls upon us to magnify thee, and love thee, and serve thee, who hast made so many of them to serve us. But this day gives us occasion to remember thy more especial and extraordinary kindness to us, the children of men, which calls for our highest and most exalted praises to be joined with those of the blessed company above, who are never weary of giving honour, glory, blessing, and thank-
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giving to thee, not only in their own behalf, but even for thy goodness to us, thy unworthy creatures.

O how great was that love, which an angel came to give notice of, and which a multitude of an heavenly host celebrated with songs of praise, when thou sentest thy dear son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, and in the form of a servant to minister to our necessities, to relieve our misery, and to be the way to everlasting life. O the riches of thy grace, that after mankind had forfeited all the rights of thy creatures, and had contemned and despitefully used many of thy messengers, thou wouldst in great mercy create us again unto good works; and for that end appear thyself most gloriously amongst us, in the person of Jesus Christ.

I thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast assumed our nature unto such a nearness to thee, as we are not able to understand. I thank thee for the glad tidings which Jesus brought us from heaven, that thou wilt be reconciled to us, and admit us again into thy favour; and that he hath fulfilled all righteousness, and shewn us in our likeness what thou art, and what thou wouldst have us to be. I thank thee for the redemption
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which he hath wrought for us by his blood; and I rejoyce in the victory which he hath got over hell and the grave, by his resurrection from the dead; and in his glorious triumph, when he ascended up on high, and led captivity captive; and in his royal power wherewith he was invested, when he sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high; and in those gifts which he received for men, even for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Blessed be thy eternal goodness which hath made him a most merciful and compassionate high priest, and given us so great assurance, that he is become the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

Blessed be thy goodness which sent the holy ghost, and continued to us a succession of pastors and teachers to be the guides of our souls, and to minister to us those pledges of thy love, which our saviour hath left us in the communion of his body and blood.

O God, that my heart could ascend up to heaven in these devout meditations, and in ardent love to thee, who hast loved us, in such a marvellous manner. O that it might never come down again to this world, but with desires left in it aspiring towards
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heaven. Touch my soul so powerfully with a sense of these things, that with an hearty and zealous affection it may ever look towards thee, and towards my dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. O fix mine eyes on him as he was here on earth, that I may learn of him his humble and meek obedience to thy commands; and as he is now in heaven, that I may trust him for the performance of his precious promises, and particularly wait till he carry me to that glorious place, where he is enthroned.

Since he appeared amongst us to destroy the works of the devil, and died to redeem us from all sin, and rose again that he may bless us, in turning every one of us from our iniquities, and is made Lord of all, that he may govern us by his laws, and reward and punish us according to our works; preserve in my mind I beseech thee a constant and lively sense of this great end, of his whole undertaking for us, that he may see the fruit of the travail of his soul in me; and my whole life may be a serious study and endeavour to imitate him, by purifying myself as he is pure.

O that thy fear and love and holy joy, may preserve me this day from abusing any of
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the good things, which thou allowest me for the refreshment of my body. Give me such a flavour and relish of thy divine truth revealed to us in the gospel, that I may not glut myself with any fleshly enjoyments, as if I knew no pleasure more excellent; but raise up my mind by them to better delights; that I may enjoy them with thanksgiving to thee, with bowels of mercy to those who are in need, with a taste of spiritual and heavenly joys, and with hunger and thirst after the fulness and perfection of those joys, when our Lord Jesus shall come to shew us his glory; and entertain us with eternal satisfaction in his incomprehensible love.

Amen.

For GOOD FRIDAY
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Bp. KENN.

O Thou, my crucified Saviour, glory be to thee, for causing thy sufferings to be registered in the gospel, where I read and adore the wonders and triumphs of thy

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almighty love, for which I will ever praise and love thee.

I will ever love and praise thee, O gracious Lord, who being in the form of God, didst condescend to take our frail nature upon thee; and in the form of a servant didst for us men, and for our salvation, endure the reproaches and revilings, the blasphemies and persecutions of a wicked and perverse generation.

I will ever love and praise thee, O gracious Lord, who didst endure a most bitter agony, and didst sweat, as it were, great drops of blood falling to the ground; who wast treacherously betrayed, apprehended and bound as a malefactor; set at nought by *Herod* and his men of war; denied by *Peter*, and forsaken by all thy disciples, and all, to save us poor sinful men.

I will ever praise and love thee, O God of truth, who, for our sakes, wast accused by false witnesses, blindfolded and buffeted, mocked and spit upon, stripped naked and scourged, that by thy stripes we might be healed.

Thou, O great judge of heaven and earth, wast for us men and for our salvation thyself dragged to the judgment seat, and unjustly condemned.

condemned. Thou, O king of heaven whom the angels adore, wast crowned with thorns, and oppressed with the weight of thy own cross; and all this to save us sinful men; therefore will I ever adore and love thee. Thou, O Lord of glory, and sole author of life, for us men and for our salvation, wast put to an ignominious death, thy hands and thy feet being nailed to the cross; thou wast numbered with the transgressors, and crucified between two thieves; and to embitter thy last gasp, hadst gall and vinegar given thee to drink; and all this to save us sinful men; therefore will I ever adore and love thee.

Thou O gracious Lord, when hanging on the cross, wast scoffed at and reviled; thou wast infinitely afflicted and bruised for our transgressions; the iniquities of us all were laid on thee, and the chastisement of our peace was upon thee: For us thou didst endure anguish inexpressible, when thou criedst out, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me; and didst at last give up the ghost, and die thyself, that we might live; wherefore I will ever adore and love thee.

Was there ever any sorrow, like that, which my Lord and my God endured for me?

Was there ever any love like that which the Lord my God shewed to me? O my Saviour with all my heart, I love and adore thine infinite love and benignity to sinners; and with all my heart, I lament and detest, the hatred and outrage of sinners to thee. In-
stil, O my God, penitential love into my soul, that I may grieve for my sins, which grieved thee; that I may love thee for suffering for us sinners, who occasioned all thy griefs. O, may I always love thee, O may I never grieve thee more. By the love of thy cross, O Jesus I live; in that only will I glory; that above all things will I study; that beyond all things will I value. By the love of thy cross I will take up my cross daily and follow thee. I will persecute and torment, and crucify my sinful affections and lusts, which persecuted, tormented, and crucified thee; and if thy love calls me to it, I will suffer on the cross for thee, as thou hast done for me.

How illustrious and amiable were thy graces, amidst all thy sufferings, O thou afflicted Jesus. I admire and love thy profound humility, unwearied patience, lamb-like meekness, immaculate innocence, invincible courage, absolute resignation, compassionate
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love of souls, and perfect charity to thy enemies. Give me grace to tread in thy steps, and conform me to thy divine image; that the more I grow like thee, the more I may love thee, and be the more beloved by thee. Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen.



On any Saint's Day.

O Lord God, precious in thy sight is the death of thy saints and martyrs, because they have had the great happiness to give thee the utmost testimony of their unfeigned love and affection. Precious to themselves, O Lord, is the death of thy saints; because as they have been partakers of Christ's sufferings, so when his glory shall appear, they shall be made glad with exceeding joy. Let their death be always precious, O Lord, in thy sight, because their example hath convinced me of the possibility, of serving thee under the greatest difficulties, and animates my endeavours with the prospect of their happy success.

I bless and praise thy holy name, for all the apostles, saints, and martyrs, departed this life in thy faith and fear. I congratulate their victories over the world, who overcame themselves, and led in triumph their own passions. I commemorate with all thankfulness their heroick piety, who served the Lord in hunger and thirst, in prison and chains, on racks and in torture, and who undauntedly encountered death, armed with the greatest terror. Let that mighty grace, O Lord, which enabled them to conquer all oppositions, support and animate thy servant, who is surrounded with the same temptations, and exposed to the same unruly passions, let their examples teach me to be humble and meek, and to submit all my desires to the will of God; to govern my senses by reason, and my reason by the dictates of revelation; to hold fast thy true religion and worship, and never to live unworthy thereof; to take up the cross, and to resist unto blood, striving against sin. Let their mortified lives raise me above the pleasures of sense; and let the pattern of their piety and devotion, of their purity and charity, of their patient suffering and perseverance unto the end, be always so lively imprinted on my mind, that I may transcribe

scribe their example in my life and conversation, and thereby inherit those promises, they are now made partakers of, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*



For the Love of GOD.

Mr. SPINKES.

O HOLY and gracious Lord, who art infinitely excellent in thyself, and infinitely bountiful and compassionate towards us, suffer not I humbly beseech thee, my heart to be so hardened through the deceitfulness of sin, as to resist such charms of love; but let them make deep and lasting impressions on my soul. Thou Lord, art pleased to require my heart, and thou only hast a right to it. O, let me not be so sacrilegiously unjust, as to alienate any part of it, but enable me to render it up whole and intire to thee. But, O my God, thou seest it is already usurped; the world with it's vanities hath seized it, and like a strong man armed, keeps possession; O thou, who art stronger come upon him; and take this unworthy

worthy heart of mine as thine own spoil, and so refine it with the purifying fire of thy love, that it may be a fit habitation for thy holy spirit. Give me such a fervent, perfect, and sincere love of thee, as may cast all fear and sloth out of my heart; that nothing may seem to me too grievous to suffer for thy sake, or too difficult to do in obedience to thee; that so expressing my love to thee, by keeping all thy commandments, I may by thy mercy obtain that crown of life, which thou hast promised to those that love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*



For the Fear of G O D.

O Glorious Majesty, who only art high and to be feared, possess my soul with an holy awe and reverence of thee; that I may give thee the honour due unto thy name, and may bear such a respect to all things which relate to thee, that I may never profane any holy thing, nor sacrilegiously invade what thou hast set apart to thyself. And since thou art a God that will not clear the guilty, let the dread of thy justice make me

me tremble to provoke thee in any thing. O let me not so misplace my fear as to be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man, that shall be made as grass, and forget the Lord my maker: But replenish my soul with that fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom; which may be as a bridle to all my brutish appetites, and keep me in a constant conformity to thy holy will. Hear me, O Lord, I beseech thee, and put this fear in my heart; that I may not depart from thee; but may work out my own salvation with fear and trembling, thro' Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



For Trust in G O D.

O Almighty Lord, who never failest them that trust in thee, give me grace in all difficulties and distresses, to have recourse to thee, to rest and depend upon thee. Thou wilt keep him, O Lord, in perfect peace, whose mind is staid on thee. O let me always rest on this firm pillar, and never exchange it for the broken reeds of worldly succours. Suffer not my heart to be over-

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charged with the cares of this life, taking thought what I shall eat or drink, or wherewithal I shall be cloathed; but grant that having by honest industry, and the use of all lawful means done my part, I may chearfully commit myself to thy providence, casting all my care upon thee, and being careful for nothing, but to be of the number of them whom thou ownest and carest for, and seeking first thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, I may stedfastly trust in thee for such a measure of these outward things, as thou, in thy wisdom seest to be most expedient for me. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*



For Faith, Hope and Charity.

Ep. TAYLOR.

O Lord God of infinite mercy, of infinite excellency, who has sent thy holy son into the world to redeem us from an intolerable misery, and to teach us a holy religion, and to forgive us an infinite debt, give me thy holy spirit, that my understanding
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and all my faculties may be so resigned to the discipline and doctrine of my Lord, that I may be prepared in mind and will to die for the testimony of Jesus, and to suffer any affliction and calamity that shall offer to hinder my duty, or tempt me to shame, or sin, or apostacy: And let my faith be the parent of a good life, a strong shield to repel the fiery darts of the devil, and the author of an holy hope, of modest desires, of confidence in God, and of a never-failing love to thee, my God, and charity to all the world; that I may be supported by the strength of faith in all temptations, and may be refreshed with the comforts of an holy hope in all my sorrows, and may bear the infirmities of my neighbour by the support of charity, that the yoke of Jesus may become easy to me, till from grace it arrives to glory; from earth to heaven, from duty to reward; from the imperfections of a beginning, and little growing love, it may arrive to the consummation of an eternal and never-ceasing charity, through Jesus Christ the son of thy love, the anchor of our hope, and the author and finisher of our faith; to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit,

Spirit, be all glory, love and obedience,
now and for ever. *Amen.*



For Contentment.

Mr. SPINCKES.

O Almighty God, the eternal treasure of all good things, who fillest all things living with plenteousness, who cloathest the lillies of the field, and feedest the young ravens that call upon thee; let thy providence be my storehouse, thy dispensation of temporal things the limit of my labour, and my own necessities the measure of my desires; but never let my labour for the things of this world be immoderate, my cares vexatious and distracting, nor my wishes greedy and inordinate. Teach me to despise this world's vanities, and to seek the riches of thy kingdom, being contented with that measure of temporal blessings, which thou art pleased to allot me; that during my pilgrimage here on earth, I may have my conversation in heaven, and being in all things resigned to thy

thy blessed will, may enjoy thy peace here, and be received to thy mercy hereafter, thro' the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour.
Amen.

*For Chastity.*

Dr. INNETT.

O Most holy Father, who art of purer eyes than to behold the least iniquity with approbation, and commandest that we should be pure as thou art pure; do thou purify me from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. Let no uncleanness pollute my body, no lust defile my soul; but let my body be holy and undefiled as the temple of the Holy Ghost; and my soul pure from every unclean thought and irregular desire; and all my words and actions, modest and innocent; and teach me so entirely to conform to the strictest laws of chastity, that at last with those that have kept themselves unspotted from the defilements of the flesh, I may be a follower of the lamb for ever and ever.
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For Temperance.

Bishop TAYLOR.

O Almighty Father of men and angels, who hast of thy great bounty provided plentifully for all mankind to support his state, to relieve his necessities, to refresh his sorrows, to recreate his labours, that he may praise thee, and rejoice in thy mercies and bounty; be thou gracious unto thy servant yet more, and suffer me not by any folly to change thy bounty into sin, thy grace into wantonness. Give me the spirit of temperance and sobriety, that I may use thy creatures in the same measures, and to the same purposes which thou hast designed, so as may best enable me to serve thee; but not to make provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Let me not as Esau prefer meat before a blessing; but subdue my appetite, subjecting it to reason and the grace of God; being content with what is moderate and useful, and easy to be obtained; taking it in due time, receiving it thankfully; making it to minister to the health of my body; that my body may be a good instrument of the soul, and the soul a servant

vant of thy divine majesty for ever and ever,
thro' Jesus Christ my Saviour.



For Patience.

Dr. INNETT.

O Almighty and most merciful Father,
who by thy providence dost wisely order all things for the good and welfare of mankind, and dost dispense thy mercies and thy judgments as seems to thee most expedient for that great end, placing every one in such circumstances as thou knowest best and fittest for them; teach me perfectly to resign myself to thy will; and not only without murmuring, peevishness or repining, to submit to thy disposal; but with patience and a contented mind to acquiesce in whatever trial or condition thou hast ordered and appointed for me; that at last through his merits who hath suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his footsteps, I may attain to the resurrection of the just; and having submitted to thy will here on earth, may with thy holy angels eternally
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do thy will in heaven, and with them adore,
and praise thy name for ever and ever.
Amen.



For Humility.

MR. SPINCKES.

O Blessed Jesus, who in thy life hast
set before us a perfect pattern of humi-
lity, enable me by thy grace to imitate thy
wonderful condescension, that I may not by
my pride and vanity lose that happiness which
thy humility hath purchased for me. Make
me sensible of my own vileness by reason of
my sins, which are evident proofs of my
folly and weakness, baseness and ingratitude,
and render me contemptible in thy sight.
Let the thoughts of this cover me with shame
and confusion, check all my vain and aspi-
ring thoughts, and wean me from any fond
opinion of my self. To thee be the glory
of all the good I enjoy, for from thee I re-
ceived it. To thee be the glory of all the
good I think, or do; for it is thy grace en-
ables me, and thy holy spirit works in me
to will and to do, according to thy good
plea-

pleasure. O let me never purchase the praise of men, by mean flattery and sinful compliances, nor entertain their applause with too great delight; but make me humble in all thoughts of my self, and patient under reproaches and indignities, because I know I deserve them; and because thou, who wast without sin, didst not disdain to suffer them for my sake. Grant this, O blessed Jesus, who with the father and the holy spirit, livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Against Covetousness.*

Bishop TAYLOR.

TEach me, O God, to despise the world, to labour for the true riches; to seek the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness; to be content with what thou providest; to be in this world like a stranger, with affections set upon heaven, labouring for, and longing after, the possessions of thy kingdom; but never suffer my affections to dwell below: But give me an heart compassionate to the poor, liberal to the needy,

open and free in all my communications, without base ends, or greedy designs, or unworthy arts of gain; but let my strife be to gain thy favour, to obtain the blessedness of doing good to others, and giving to them that want; and the blessedness of receiving from thee pardon and support, grace and holiness, perseverance and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



For the Government of the Tongue.

O Thou harmless, innocent lamb of God, in whose mouth there was never any guilt or deceit; gracious is thy heart, and agreeable thy tongue. I bewail before thee the various sins and disorders I have often committed with my tongue both against thee and my neighbour. I have not always used my tongue to declare thy truth, or to set forth thy praise, and to promote the edification of my neighbour.

Pardon, most gracious Saviour, so great a sin, and do not inflict the punishment threatened to those who profanely abuse their use of speech, dishonouring thee, and offending
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and grieving their fellow creatures. Give me a meek, quiet and charitable spirit, and teach me to set a watch before my mouth, and a sure seal of wisdom upon my lips, that I fall not by them, and that my tongue destroy me not.

O Lord, my God and my father, and governor of my life, let me not fall in with the slanderers and lyars, with the proud boasters and scoffers, censorious detractors, backbiters, whisperers, and talebearers, that I may not perish with them. Enable me to restrain my tongue, and govern my mouth, lest I offend with my words, and have my portion with the calumniators, flatterers, defamers and revilers; but do thou, O Lord, open my mouth, to the end that my lips may shew forth thy praise here in this world, and hereafter to all eternity. Grant this, O most merciful father, for the sake of thy son Jesus Christ, my ever blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Resignation to the will of GOD.

Dr. INNETT.

O Blessed father, by whose power all things were made, and for whose service and pleasure they were created, and in resignation to whose holy will all our felicity consists; in mercy look down upon a prodigal, thy grace and goodness has brought to a sense of his duty. I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am unworthy to be called thy son; but it is thy will, that I should return; and thou art pleased to receive me as a servant. O blessed father, I resign myself to thy service, to be disposed of as thou seekest best for me; thine shall be my will; and I will always esteem whatsoever thou commandest wise and holy; every thing true which thy word promises or affirms, and just and reasonable all thy appointments; and will believe it my greatest interest to follow where thou art pleased to call me. And here, O Lord, I offer and present unto thee, my soul and body, to be a holy and a reasonable sacrifice to thee. What thy grace has made thine, let thy goodness accept and preserve, and thy spirit seal to the day of redemption for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For

For P E R S E V E R A N C E.

Mr. SPINCKES.

O Eternal and unchangeable Lord God, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, be pleased to communicate some small ray of that excellency, some degree of that stability to me, thy wretched creature, who am light and inconstant, and turned about with every blast. My understanding is very deceivable, O establish it in thy truth; keep me from the snares of seducing spirits, that I may not be led away with the error of the wicked, nor fall from my own steadfastness. My will also is irresolute and wavering, and doth not cleave steadfast unto thee; my goodness is but as the morning cloud, and as the early dew, it passeth away; O strengthen and confirm me by thy grace, and whatever good work thou hast begun in me, be pleased to accomplish and perfect it until the day of Christ. Lord, thou seest my weakness, and the number and strength of those temptations I have to struggle with. O leave me not to myself, but cover thou my head in the day of battle,

battle, and in all spiritual combats make me more than conqueror, through him who loved me, and gave himself for me. Let no terrors or flatteries, either of the world, or my own flesh, ever draw me from my obedience to thee; but grant that I may remain stedfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; and by patient continuance in well-doing, may seek, and at last by thy mercy obtain glory, and honour, and immortality, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



For **SINCERITY.**

Mr. JENKS.

O MY Lord, the only wise God, whose understanding is infinite, and from whom no thoughts can be withholden. Thou fillest the whole world with thy presence, and hast all things ever naked and open before thee. Thou that teachest man knowledge, shall not thou know even the secretest of our sins in the light of thy countenance? And thou chiefly callest for our hearts, and requirest truth in the inward parts; and wilt bring

bring every work into judgment, and every secret thing whether good or evil. My God, I acknowledge and bewail here before thee, the guile and deceitfulness of my heart; that I have been so unmindful of thy all-seeing eye, ever intent upon me; and that I have made so bold with thy glorious majesty, still present with me. For which I confess, O Lord, thou mightest long since have cut me off, and appointed me my portion with hypocrites. But as thou hast spared me, so humble me, I beseech thee, and pardon me for all such hypocrisy, and treacherous dealing, whereof I have been guilty. And thou that speakest to the heart, and canst order it even as thou wilt, O make my heart right with thee, and without any allowed guile, in thy sight; so found in thy statutes, that I may not be ashamed, nor be found wanting in what I profess myself to be, when thou shalt come to take an account of me.

O let thy all-seeing eye, and not the eye of the world, be the star to steer my course by; and let thy blessed favour, more than the liking of any sinful men, be ever my study and delight. Search me O God, and try me; and whatever unpardoned guilt, or unrepented wickedness, whatever unknown error,

error, or countenanced lust lies in my soul, O help me to see it, and of thy mercy deliver me from it; and let me not regard iniquity in my heart. Let no presumptuous sin have dominion over me. Let me not allow myself in any way of wickedness, nor go on in formality and hypocrisy to serve thee, but walk before thee with an upright heart, and do all sincerely and heartily as to the Lord. O let me be not only almost, but altogether a christian; obeying from the heart all thy will delivered to me, to be done by me; and not so much concerned to seem religious, as to be such in deed and truth. Make me willing to part with the dearest sins, and to perform the hardest duties, for the sake of my Lord, who parted with the highest glory, and underwent the worst misery, for the sake of my soul. O make me true to my own convictions, and faithful in exerting my own endeavours: Yea, make me ever jealous over my own heart, and conscientious in all my thoughts, words, and ways; that I may not go self-condemned for walking in a disguise, and only shewing to be what I am not; that my praise may not be of men, but of God; and that I may have continual rejoicing in the testimony

mony of my conscience, and that peace of God, which passeth all understanding. O my father, who seeest in secret, let the pleasing of thy holy will, and the honouring of thy blessed name, and the enjoying of thy gracious favour, be the great end which I design and aim at, in all my actions, and undertakings; that thou, the great and good God, mayst in all things be glorified by me, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



For the Love of our Neighbour.

Mr. SPINCKES.

GRACIOUS Lord, who art good, and dost good, who extendest thy loving kindness to all mankind, suffer me not to exclude any from my charity, who are the objects of thy tenderness and mercy; but let me treat all my neighbours with that love and good will, which is due to thy servants and children. Make me ready to embrace all occasions that may administer to their happiness, by assisting the needy, protecting the oppressed, instructing the ignorant, reproving the vicious and profane. Grant that I may look

upon the defects and frailties of my neighbours, as if they were my own; that I may conceal them, and making thy love to me, O blessed Jesus, the pattern of my love to them, may above all things endeavour to promote their eternal welfare. Thou didst not think any thing too dear to part with, to rescue me from eternal misery: O let me not think any thing too dear to part with, to set forward the everlasting good of my fellow christians. They are members of thy body, therefore I will cherish them, thou hast redeemed them with an inestimable price; therefore will I endeavour to recover them from a state of destruction; that thus adorning thy holy gospel by doing good according to my power and capacity, I may at last be received into the endearments of thy tender love, and sing praises to the lamb who was slain, and sitteth upon the throne, to whom be glory for ever. Amen. Amen.

A General Confession.

LD. HATTON.

ALmighty God, I a miserable sinner do humbly confess, and am truly sorrowful for my many and great, my innumerable and intolerable crimes, of which my conscience does accuse me by night and by day, and by which I have provoked thy severest wrath and indignation against me. I have broken all thy righteous laws and commandments by word or deed, by vain thoughts, or sinful desires. I have sinned against thee in all my relations and capacities, in all places, and at all times. I can neither reckon their number, nor bear their burden, nor suffer the anger which I have deserved. But thou, O Lord, who art merciful and gracious, have mercy upon me; pardon me for all the evil I have done; judge me not, for all the good I have omitted; take not thy favour from me; but delight thou to sanctify and save me; and work in me to will and to do of thy good pleasure all my duty, that being sanctified by thy spirit, and delivered from my sin, I may serve thee in a religious and holy conversation, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Pardon of Sin.

Bp. SANDERSON.

O Almighty God, and merciful father, I thy unworthy servant, do with shame and sorrow confess that I have all my life long gone astray out of thy ways, like a lost sheep, and that by following too much the vain devices and desires of my own heart, I have grievously offended against thy holy laws, both in thought, word and deed; I have many times left undone those duties, which I might and ought to have done; and I have many times done those evils, when I might have avoided them, which I ought not to have done. I confess, O Lord, that there is no health in me, nor help in any creature to relieve me; but all my hope is in thy mercy. Be merciful to me a miserable offender; spare me, O good God, who confess my faults, that I perish not; and according to thy gracious promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord, restore me upon my true repentance, unto thy grace and favour. And grant, O most merciful father, for his sake, that I may henceforth study to serve and please thee, by leading a
godly,

godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name, and the eternal comfort of my own soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



For Repentance.

O Most holy Lord God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; grant me, I beseech thee, unfeigned repentance for my past sins, a most deep and hearty sorrow for them, and most firm and stedfast purposes and resolutions, to forsake them, and do thou by thy grace so assist and strengthen these my resolutions, that they may become effectual in the bringing forth fruit unto holiness, so that in the end I may have everlasting life. Thou only, O Lord, art able to work in me, both to will and to do, according as I ought. Cleanse me therefore I most humbly pray thee, from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, and enable me so to perfect holiness in thy fear, that I may be a meet partaker of the Inheritance of the saints in light, which thou in thine infinite mercy has promised to all such as faithfully serve

serve and please thee, through thy dear son,
and our alone Saviour and redeemer, Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Litany for Repentance, Pardon, and
Grace.*

Dr. INNETT.

O God the father, who wouldst not the
death of a sinner, have mercy upon
me.

O thou God of mercy, that wouldst have
the sinner repent and live, give me a due
sense of all my sins, and then forgive and
pity me.

O thou that wouldst have men come to
the knowledge of the truth and be saved,
cast me not away from thee.

O holy father, who didst so love the world,
that thou gavest thy son, that whosoever be-
lieveth in him should not perish, but have e-
verlasting life; have mercy upon me, a mi-
serable sinner.

O thou, that despisest not a broken and a
contrite heart, and whose will and power
nothing can resist: O do thou create a clean
heart,

heart, and renew a right spirit within me.
O say unto my soul, I will, be thou clean,
and be it to thy servant according to thy
word.

O thou, that hast no pleasure in the death
of him that dies, and hast given thy son to
die, that sinners may not die eternally; spare
me Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
and deliver me from the bitter pains of eter-
nal death.

O blessed Jesus, who didst die to give a
worth and value to repentance, and that re-
pentance and remission of sins should be prea-
ched to all the world in thy name; O do
thou make my repentance such as thou hast
required and wilt accept, and let thy merits
render it effectual to the forgiveness of my
sins.

O thou, who didst taste death for every
man, and laidst down thy life for those who
were dead in Adam, and hast promised to
accept all such as come unto thee: O cast
me not away from thee, but have mercy up-
on me, O God, my God.

O thou that hast bid such as are weary
and heavy laden come unto thee, and pro-
mised they should find rest for their souls;
O Lord look down upon me, who in the
bitterness

bitterness and anguish of my soul come unto thee, and have mercy upon me.

O holy and ever blessed spirit, whose sacred fires melt down the hardest heart, whose holy aids are sufficient to help our infirmities, and whose fruits are repentance, and peace, and joy; O do thou direct, assist and guide my soul, and keep me in all thy ways.

O thou, that ledest the ignorant to the truth, sinners to repentance and righteousness, and art the comforter of the sad and wounded soul; O do thou open my eyes to see the errors of my ways, and my heart to hate and forsake them, and let thy grace and comfort guide me in all my difficulties, and support me in all my trials.

O blessed spirit, who knowest the dangers that encompass, and the temptations that beset and most easily prevail against me; O be thou my guide, and never leave me nor forsake me; but from the deceit of my heart, from the wiles of satan, and the sad effects of ill opinions, melancholy and despair, good Lord, deliver me.

O God, give me not up to myself, and withdraw not thy grace from me; but assist and accept my prayers and repentance, and hear thy son, who is making intercession for me;

me; let his blood atone for me, and by his stripes let my soul be healed.

O merciful father, who wouldst have me repent and live, and by whose grace and aid I have here prostrated myself before thee, to confess and bewail my sins, and purposed to forsake them; O do thou, who knowest the deceit of my heart, the weakness of my best resolutions, and the power and prevalence of my corrupt nature, let thy grace be sufficient for me, and the helps of thy spirit make my sorrow sincere, my resolution steadfast, and so change and consecrate my affections, that they may never more misguide me.

O thou that art the maker and lover of souls, hear my prayer, forgive my sins, accept my sorrows, strengthen my resolutions, confirm my vows, and grant me repentance to life eternal, for Christ Jesus sake. Amen, Amen.

Another Litany.

Dr. INNETT.

O God the Father, the creator and merciful preserver of men, have pity and compassion on me a miserable sinner.

O God the son, the Saviour and redeemer of the world, have mercy upon me.

O God the holy ghost, by whose power and aid we are guarded, preserved, and kept, have mercy upon me.

O merciful Lord, by whose wisdom and providence all things are ordered and directed for our good, receive me into thy protection and care, and watch over me for my good, good Lord I beseech thee.

From the heats of passion, from the surprise of lust, and the uneasiness and mischief of a proud and ungovernable spirit, good Lord, deliver me.

From the murmurs and difficulties of a narrow fortune, from the insolencies and vanities of wealth, and from the designs of wicked men; from the snares of my own heart, from the malice of the devil, and all sudden danger, good Lord deliver me.

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From the withdrawing of thy grace, and from a strong temptation, from the sad effects of melancholy, or despair, and evil opinions, good Lord deliver me.

That it may please thee to give me an humble, thankful and obedient heart, a tractable will, a quiet and easy spirit, governable affections, and a devout soul, good Lord I beseech thee.

That I may study to be quiet, and to do good, that I may live as becomes the gospel of Christ, that I may be always under the guidance and protection of thy grace and providence, and with the fruits of righteousness adorn thy holy profession, good Lord I beseech thee.

That my failings may make me more careful and vigilant, that I may still retain a penitent heart, and due sense of my sins, and by thy grace live an instrument of thy glory, good Lord I beseech thee.

That I may believe all thou hast said, and do all thou commandest; that I may fear and praise, and adore, and love thee, and be numbred with thy saints in glory everlasting, good Lord I beseech thee.

That my conversation may be easy and unblameable, my life holy, exemplary and

useful; that I may so live that I may be fit to die; and so die in thy faith and fear, that I may be ever happy with thee, good Lord, I beseech thee.

O Lord, hear and answer my prayers, for Christ Jesus his sake. Amen. Amen.



For a grievous Sinner.

Dr. SCOTT

O Most glorious and eternal God, thou art the fountain of beings, the father of Angels and men, the righteous and almighty governor of heaven and earth; from thy throne thou beholdest all the children of men, and their most secret actions are open and naked to thy all-seeing eye; and such is the purity of thy nature that thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity, wheresoever thou beholdest it; with what face then can I, a most miserable, polluted wretch, appear in thy presence, who by the past course of my wickedness and rebellion against thee, have not only rendered myself guilty, and justly obnoxious to thy eternal displeasure,

displeasure, but have also contracted such obstinate dispositions and inclinations to sin on, as without thy grace and assistance, I shall never be able to conquer. O desperate, vile, and ungrateful wretch that I have been. I have renounced the God of my being, and the fountain of my mercies; I have despised thy goodness, trampled upon thy authority, mocked and abused thy patience and long-suffering, and in particular I must confess, to my own shame and confusion I have been wofully guilty of [*Here make a particular confession of all the sins you know yourself to be guilty of.*] And now by these my manifold abominations I have utterly undone myself, unless thou take pity upon me. I confess I have forfeited my soul into thy hands, and if thou so pleasest, thou mayest justly cast me away from thy presence, and make me a dire example of thy vengeance for ever. But I know, O Lord, thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and live; and upon the propitiation of thine own son's blood, thou hast declared thyself willing to receive returning prodigals, and to be heartily reconciled to them, notwithstanding all their past provocations. O that I could return, that I could but shake
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of those corrupt inclinations, which detain my wretched soul in captivity. I am willing to contribute toward it whatsoever I am able, but alas, without thee, all that I can do will be utterly ineffectual. Wherefore for thy tender mercies sake, have pity upon a miserable wretch, that without thy helping hand is lost for ever. And since thou hast given me thy gospel, as the outward means to save and recover me; O do thou enable me by thy blessed spirit heartily to believe, and thoroughly to practice it. For which end I beseech thee to remove all sinful prejudices from my mind; that so I may impartially weigh those evidences thou hast given me of the truth of it; and do thou suggest them to my mind, with such a clear and convincing light, as that they may at last conquer my infidelity, and beget in me a firm and lively faith. And forasmuch as my mind is vain and roving, and utterly adverse to all serious considerations, O do thou who art the father of spirits, and canst turn the hearts of men which way thou pleasest, inspire good thoughts into me; and imprint them upon me with such a power and efficacy, as that my wandering mind may be reduced by them to a thorough consideration, and

and my stubborn will to a firm resolution of amendment. Particularly I beseech thee to give me a right understanding of the urgent need I have of a Saviour, and of all those things which he hath done and suffered, and is still doing at thy right hand, in order to the cleansing my guilty and polluted nature, and restoring me to thy grace and favour; that so hereby I may be fully convinced how odious my sins are in thy sight, how base and vile they have rendered me, and at what a mighty distance they have set thee from me; and that being convinced of this, I may put on an holy shame and confusion, and abhor myself in dust and ashes before thee. Thou knowest, O Lord, it is not in my power to soften this hard and unrelenting heart, and affect it with that godly sorrow, which is requisite to work a true repentance. O do thou smite it with such a sharp and piercing sense of my sins, as may cause the floods of unfeigned grief and contrition to gush forth from it. Cause me to bleed for my sins, now, that I may not bleed for them for ever; and that having felt the smart and anguish of them, I may utterly detest and abhor them, and never be reconciled to them more. Thus do thou assist me,

me, O good God, in the exercise of all these duties, till thou hast thoroughly conquered my will by them, and prepared it for a firm resolution to forsake all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. And now I am going into the world, among those very temptations, that have hitherto so miserably captivated and enslaved me, O let thy blessed spirit be present with me, to keep my drowsy conscience awake, and arm me against them with his holy inspirations; that so those good thoughts and desires which thou hast at present excited in me, may stick fast upon my soul, in the midst of my worldly occasions, and never cease importuning my conscience, will and affections, till the have produced in me the happy effect of a serious, and hearty repentance; all which I most earnestly beseech thee, for pity sake, to a poor perishing soul, and for Jesus Christ his sake, in whose name and words I further pray, *Our Father, &c.*

For

For One who has too long deferred Repentance.

Mr. SPINCKES.

O Blessed and holy Lord God, who would'st not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, be merciful to me, a guilty sinner, who have long neglected my duty to thee, and my own main interest; till my sins are gone over my head, and are as a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear. Enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified; and if no man, not the best of men, and most righteous, much less so vile a sinner as I have been. I have provoked thy divine majesty by a long series of wickedness; for which thou mightest justly have long since cut me off, and given me my portion amongst the devils and damned spirits. But blessed be thy name, thou hast exercised a great deal of patience and long-suffering towards me; and I hope it is not in vain that thou hast thus graciously borne with me; for I am now fully convinced of my folly, and the evil of my ways, and do repent and abhor myself in dust and ashes. O do not thou abhor me too, nor shut up thy bowels

of compassion from me. Behold me, not as a sinner, but as one for whom Christ died, and as a penitent heartily grieved for my past disobedience, and earnestly desirous both of thy pardon, and of grace to walk more holily for the future. It is much too long that I have deferred my repentance and reformation; but by thy blessing and assistance, I am fully resolved to delay it no longer; and help me, O Lord, to put these good resolutions in practice, renouncing all my most beloved sins, and earnestly endeavouring to be upright and unblameable in all manner of conversation; that to-day, whilst it is called to-day, I may hear thy voice, and never more dare to harden my heart against it. I know not what a day may bring forth; and for this reason am not willing to trust till to-morrow, when possibly it may be too late for me to think of repentance unto salvation. Turn thou me, good Lord, and so shall I be turned; but do it I beseech thee immediately and out of hand: Turn me from all my undutifulness, and disobedience hitherto, and make me heartily ashamed that I should dare to offend so good and gracious a God; and stir up my heart to serve thee faithfully for the future; that denying all ungodliness and worldly lust, I may live soberly,

soberly, righteously, chastly and godly in this present world. Loose me from all the bonds of my sins, and conduct me to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Upon a Relapse into Sin.

New M A N U A L.

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, to me belongeth confusion of face; because I have sinned against thee, and have been guilty of so great iniquity in thy sight. I have acknowledged the justice and goodness of thy laws; and have chosen thy service as the most perfect freedom; I know that without holiness none shall see thee, O Lord; and that tribulation and anguish, indignation and wrath, is the portion of all that do evil. And yet, O Lord, foolish and miserable sinner that I am, I have yielded again to temptation, and departed from thy ways, and holiness of life, for the sake of a present satisfaction, a small or momentary pleasure or gain, [*Here name the particular sin or sins*] and hereby I have incurred thy displeasure,

abused thy grace and goodness to me, and have hazarded the loss of thy eternal favour, which is better than life itself.

But, O Lord, to whom belongeth mercy and forgiveness; I most earnestly beseech thee to have mercy upon me; O Lord hear, O Lord forgive me; my conscience reproaches me, and my heart is troubled within me; I feel myself deprived of that hope and confidence in thee through Jesus Christ, which I had attained by my former repentance and amendment, and now consider and find myself liable to thy wrath, and obnoxious to thy judgments, both temporal and eternal.

Correct me, O Lord, but with mercy, lest thou bring me to nothing: I know that the wages of sin is death; but I humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, who art slow to anger and of great pity, and wouldst have none to perish, but all to come to repentance, spare me, and grant me further time for repentance, that I may finish the work thou hast given me, and which I now purpose and resolve to make the great business of my future life.

Be pleased, O Lord, for thy son's sake, and for thy goodness sake, to pardon and forgive what is past; and give me grace to
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bring forth the fruits of repentance in newness and holiness of life.

Blessed be thy goodness, that there is hopes and assurance for returning sinners, in and through Christ, who was pleased to shed his blood as a meritorious sacrifice, expiation, and attonement for the sins of the world.

O let that blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge my conscience from dead works, to serve thee the living God, and purify my soul from all sin and uncleanness, that I may find the power of his death in my dying to sin, and rising unto righteousness; in having the old man crucified with him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, that henceforth I may not serve sin; but that I may live as becomes the gospel; as it becomes one who professeth godliness, and a most holy religion, and who hath by solemn vows, undertaken to live according to the precepts of it, and to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts: O make me truly sensible, and always to keep in mind, that on the performance of the duty of a christian, depend all my hopes of pardon and happiness, and all the benefits that Christ has purchased for me.

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To this end let me seriously consider, that the christian life is a continual warfare; that we are beset with many and great dangers; and that the devil goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; that so I may give the more heed to make my calling and election sure. Grant that I may watch and pray, lest I enter into temptations, or they get the advantage over me; and grant that I may avoid all occasions of falling, and never set my self in the way of temptation, but keep at the greatest distance from thence.

Let me likewise consider, that if after I have escaped the pollutions of the world, I should be again entangled therein, and overcome, that the latter end will be worse than the beginning; and that it had been better for me not to have known the way of righteousness, than after I have known it, to turn aside from thy holy commandments.

O God, who didst send thy son into the world to free us from sin, and to redeem us from all iniquity; grant that on my sincere endeavour I may be kept from all presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me. And that I may conquer and overcome all my corrupt affections and sinful dispositions,

tions, and may attain all those graces, which are necessary for my salvation; that in the exercise thereof, and of all other christian virtues and graces, for the time to come, I may grow strong in the Lord, and never let go my holy profession, but may proceed from strength to strength, that so an entrance may be ministered to me abundantly into thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



For any troubled in Mind.

New M A N U A L.

O Blessed Lord, the father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, look down, I humbly beseech thee, with pity and compassion upon a miserable creature, under great sorrow and dejection of mind. I confess, O Lord, my sins have deserved much more grievous punishments than I feel, and should thou be extreme to mark what I have done amiss, I should not be able to abide it; I will therefore betake myself to the throne of thy grace, and plead before thee thy precious

cious promises, and the wonderful expressions of thy love and mercy.

I will come unto thee for succour, for thou hast graciously invited all those that travail, and are heavy laden. O pardon my iniquities, that have provoked thy wrath, and deliver me from the sorrows and miseries which I feel and fear.

Have mercy upon me, O God, for thou art my great creator, and almighty preserver; O receive me, and relieve me, and revive me. Take pity upon my sorrowful soul; and destroy not thou the works of thine own hands. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure, but make me hear of joy and gladness, and to be sensible that thou hast still the bowels of a most tender father.

I sue unto thee for mercy, in the name of my Saviour the blessed Jesus, the great mediator between God and man: Regard that all-sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction which he hath made for all mankind. Let it procure for me pardon and acceptance, who desire unfeignedly to turn to thee. Let the power of it prevail against all the powers of darkness: Let the wisdom of it, make me wise unto salvation: Let the peace of it reconcile me to thee, and bring
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to me peace of conscience, and joy in the holy ghost.

Especially, O my God, preserve me from all distrust and despondency of thy mercy, and all the sad effects of it. Let no temptation so far prevail with me, as to put an end to my days, but let me consider I am thy creature; and that thou only hast a right to dispose of my life, and that it is my duty to submit to the greatest troubles, when thou seest fit to lay them upon me.

Give me a right understanding of myself and my condition; of thy threats and promises, that I may never cast away my confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee; but make me to see and know, that it is in great mercy thou hast now laid thine hand upon me. O let me truly humble myself under thy afflicting hand; and let me rather feel thy terrors, than not feel my sins, which must inevitably have plunged me into endless misery, if thy wonderful mercy had not awakened my conscience, and given me a sight of my sins; and therefore, however severe this affliction may at present seem to me, thy blessed will be done. Bring me surely to thy self, by what methods thou pleasest, and teach thy servant to be content.

And, O Lord, if in thine infinite wisdom thou shalt see fit not to grant a speedy answer to my prayers, yet let me not thereby be utterly cast down, as one without hope; but make me wait with patience for thy good and appointed time, when thou wilt clear up my doubts, and scatter my fears, and remove my sorrows, and make me know assuredly that it is good for me that I have been afflicted. In the mean time, O Lord, stand by me in all my trials and temptations; let not the enemy of my salvation prevail against me; but do thou comfort and assist me; and give me the shield of faith, whereby I may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil; that trusting in thee and thy promises, I may at last be more than a conqueror; looking unto Jesus the great captain of my salvation, who was himself made perfect by sufferings, and is now at the right hand of God, making continual intercession for us.

Have mercy upon me, O blessed Jesus, thou compassionate lover of souls; I come unto thee, for thy merits are infinite, and far surpass not only mine, but the whole world's offences; I will therefore hope in thy name, in thy merits, and in thy intercessions;

cessions; thou art almighty, and art able to relieve me; thou art all goodness, and therefore willing to assist me. I confess with grief of heart that my sins are many, and very great, but greater is thy mercy to penitent sinners. Great is the malice of the powers of darkness, and great is my own weakness, but much greater is thy power and goodness. Therefore when my fears press hard upon me, I will hope in thy mercy, and put my trust and confidence in thee. The holy scriptures assure me, that thou art able to save to the utmost all that come unto God by thee; and thou hast promised that those who come unto thee, thou wilt by no means cast out. Hear me, I beseech thee, O merciful Saviour, in this my distressed condition; speak peace to my troubled conscience; comfort and support me under all dejections of mind; give me patience and submission under thine afflicting hand, and if it be thy will a speedy and happy deliverance from my present misery, and say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Have mercy upon me, O blessed spirit, God of love, thou powerful advocate and sweetest comforter. Infuse thy grace into my heart, and scatter there thy chearful beams.

Purify my soul, and strike me through with the darts of thy love; kindle such a holy flame in my breast as may burn up all dross of sensual affection; and may possess and purify and strengthen my drooping soul. Come holy spirit, in much mercy come, and make me fit to receive thee into my heart. Dispel those black irregular thoughts and apprehensions, which terrify and discompose my mind: And be thou to me a kind comforter and mighty defence in all my wants and distresses, and my ready helper in this time of need.

To him therefore, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be glory and majesty, dominion and power; and mayst thou receive from me, from men and angels, continual praise and thanksgiving, obedience, love and adoration, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Have mercy upon me, O blessed spirit of love, thou powerful advocate and sweetest comforter. Infuse thy grace into my heart, and scatter those thy carnal beams. *A*

A shorter on the same Occasion.

Mr. SPINCKES.

O Thou great phyfician of fouls, I come unto thee for relief againft the heavy preffure that lies fadly upon my fpirits at this time. As it is thy vifitation I willingly fubmit to it, and will bear it without the leaft repining or difcontent ; yet with an unfeigned refignation to thy will, I humbly fupplicate thee for a removal of it in thine own good time, that I may be the better able to do thee fervice. Thou feeft the woful ftate I am in, how my mind is difordered, my thoughts confused, my underftanding clouded, my affections ungovernable, my whole foul out of tune, and all my faculties disabled for a due attendance on thy worfhip. To thee my only refuge, I now betake myfelf for help ; O refuse not to fpeak comfort to my difconfo late foul, but vifit me with thy falvation. Restore me to a right ufe of my faculties, a compofure of mind, and a ready compliance with thy will in all things. Help me to the enjoyment of myfelf, and of thy favour, that the bones which thou haft broken

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ken may rejoice. Save, Lord, and hear, O king of heaven, when I call upon thee, thro' the merits of thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



When under any indisposition of mind or body, &c.

Dr. SCOTT

O Blessed God, who art a most pure and active spirit, who dost always move with an uncontrollable freedom and art never hindered or wearied in thy operations, have pity upon me, I beseech thee, thy poor infirm creature, who am incumbered with this body of death, and so depressed by it's manifest frailties, that I cannot lift up my heart unto thee. Thou knowest, O Lord, my spirit is willing, though my flesh is weak; my labouring soul aspires towards thee, it stretches forth the wings of it's desires towards thee, and would fain mount up above all earthly things, and unite itself with thee in eternal love; but alas, its fervours are damped, and it's endeavours tired by this clog

clog of flesh that hangs upon it, and perpetually sinks and weighs it down again. O my God, draw near unto me and touch my mind with such a powerful sense of thee, as in despite of these my bodily indispositions may attract and draw up my soul unto thee. And if it be thy blessed will, release me from these fleshly incumbrances, and fit my body to my mind, that I may serve thee as I desire to do, with a fervent and chearful spirit: But if it should seem good in thine eyes to leave me struggling under these bodily impressions, Lord, give me patience and submission to thy heavenly will, that so, when I cannot approach thee with that pleasure and satisfaction I desire, I may be heartily content to serve thee upon any terms, and that what I want of vigour and chearfulness in my religion I may make up in truth and reality. And, O let the sense of these my present indispositions cause me more vehemently to long after that free and blessed state, wherein, with fixed and steady thoughts, with ardent love, and entire devotion of soul, I shall for ever praise and glorify thy name. *Amen.*

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When tempted to Presumption.

MR. SPINCKES.

A Almighty and most righteous God, who searchest the heart, and triest the reins, and renderest to every one according to his doings, take pity upon me a guilty sinner, and suffer me not to presume upon thy mercy, whilst I retain an affection for any kind of sin. I know thy clemency and compassion are infinite, and thou art always ready to embrace a returning prodigal, and I cannot therefore doubt of thy pardon, was I duly qualified for it : But my only danger is lest my sins have made too great a separation betwixt thee and thy poor creature, for me to hope any longer for thy favour. Wherefore I humbly pray thee to discover me truly to myself ; and if there be any way of wickedness yet remaining in me, purge it away, that I may be a fit object of thy fatherly commiseration. Permit me not to encourage myself in a groundless reliance upon thy favour, whilst in the mean time I am really unqualified for it : But teach me seriously and impartially to examine my heart and ways, before

fore I pass so easy a sentence upon myself. Let not thy patience hitherto work in me an expectation of future happiness, upon any other terms than those of the gospel; that so I may be induced to study how most effectually to make my calling and election sure; and to this end may set myself conscientiously and universally to observe thy commandments, all the days of my life. Help me to reform all that is amiss in me, and to make such a progress in holiness, as that I may safely depend upon thy mercy and kindness to me, here in this world, and may be for ever happy with thee in the other, through the merits of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*



When tempted to Despair.

MR. SPINCKES.

O Almighty Lord God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in him, of all thy faithful servants, I am ashamed and greatly confounded to think that I should seem in any wise to distrust thy goodness, after I have had such abundant experience of

it, and after all the gracious promises thou hast made to those who ask any thing according to thy will. Yet I must confess that fear and a horrid dread have taken hold of me, lest my portion should be amongst the reprobates, who are to be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. This thought strikes me to the heart, and I am not able to bear up under the weight of it. Do thou therefore support me with the comforts of thy holy spirit; speak peace to my disconsolate soul, and assure me thou art reconciled to me in the son of thy love; that thou art my sword and my shield at present, and will be my exceeding great reward hereafter. Forgive these my doubts and fears, and so dispose my mind and confirm my trust in thee, as that a remembrance of my sins may never incline me to despair of thy kindness; but on the other hand may drive me to my Saviour, to sue for his intercession in my behalf, and may put me upon an indefatigable attendance upon my duty, whereby to capacitate me for a sure confidence in his all-sufficient merits and mediation. Do not only pardon all my transgressions, for his sake, that so I may be for ever happy in thy heavenly

heavenly kingdom, but convince me in the mean time that thou hast done it for my satisfaction and comfort whilst I remain here below. I look upon this as one of Satan's stratagems, to put me out of heart, that he may prevent my earnest endeavours to please thee. This, do thou therefore enable me to reject, and all his other motions; so as to betake myself to thee for relief, and to observe thy holy laws, that thou may'st cause thy face to shine graciously upon me, and make me to rejoice in thy favour, both now and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Under Losses.

Mr. J E N K S.

Blessed Lord, thou art the great proprietor and owner of whatever we have to enjoy. The world is thine and the fullness thereof: Thou givest and thou takest away; blessed be thy name in all. Thou hast made me to abound in many things, which others are destitute of; and if thou also makest me want what others abound

with, yet teach me my God, how to be abased and to suffer need as well as how to abound; and in whatsoever estate I am therewith to be content; seeing all these things come alike to all, and no one knows love or hatred by what is here before him. And as it will profit a man nothing to gain the whole world and lose his own soul, so all the losses in this world cannot undo him whose soul is safe in thy hands. O let me not grieve therefore as if I was undone for what I have lost; but chearfully commit myself to thee, to chuse my inheritance for me; and be least of all concerned for my worldly portion, so that I may but see the joy of thy salvation. And thus Lord repair to me these damages, an infinitely better way, out of thy own fulness, with the more precious things that accompany salvation; that I may imitate thy holy servants of old, who took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, as knowing they had in heaven a better and enduring substance. O make me now the more solicitous and industrious to lay up my treasure in heaven; when I see how little any thing is to be confided in, here on earth. O let me look less upon these temporal things that are seen, and be most of all concerned that I lose not the blessed things eternal; but provide

vide so well for my soul, and be so rich towards God, that when all here shall fail me, thou mayest never fail me; but be the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. *Amen.*



For Increase of Grace.

Dr. SCOTT

O God who art the most excellent being, the perfection of all beauty, and the fountain of all graces, who dost infallibly understand what is best to be chosen, and invariably chuse by the best and purest reason; look down I beseech thee upon me, thy poor defective creature, who am ashamed of my self to see how unlike thee I am; how I am laden with imperfections, and how after all my religious endeavours, my nature is still vitiated with unreasonable lusts and affections; how much vanity and impertinence there yet remains in my mind, how much perverseness in my will, how much spiritual and carnal iniquity in my affections and appetites. Lord I have been long contending with this corrupt nature, and yet
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upon all occasions I find my self too prone to sin. Woe is me, even my fairest graces have their spots and blemishes, my purest dispositions their sinful mixtures and my best works their flaws and imperfections. O my God, have pity upon me, who here lie fighting at thy feet, under a miserable diseased nature ; and as thou hast begun the blessed cure in me, so for Christ's sake I beseech thee to compleat it ; that being intirely recovered, and raised up unto newness of Life, I may, in the perfect health and vigour of my soul, serve and glorify thee for ever. For which end I beseech thee confirm me more and more, in the belief of those immortal pleasures beyond the grave, which thou hast treasured up for those that love and obey thee ; that by the strength of a lively faith, and vigorous hope, my soul may be raised above this world, and learn to despise and trample upon all it's gilded vanities, whensoever they present themselves, either to allure or terrify me from pursuing the heavenly enjoyments. Excite in me such a vehement thirst after those rivers of pleasure above, as may every day render me more cool and indifferent towards earthly things, more contented and satisfied under all the events
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and issues of thy providence, and more active and more vigorous in my heavenly calling. And I beseech thee to inspire me with such clear and lively apprehensions of thy essential beauties and perfections, and of thy bountiful love and boundless benevolence to all thy creatures, as may every day more and more raise and improve my love to thee; that this being the great spring and principle of all my actions, may continually excite me to a chearful obedience to thy will, and a vigorous imitation of thy perfections. O cause me to love thee for thyself, and religion for thee, and the instruments of religion in order to thy glory and my own happiness, that so founding my content upon thee, and the blessed interests of a virtuous life, I may grow in grace, and be rich in good works, and go on with a satisfied and triumphant spirit from imperfection to strength; from acts to habits, from habits to confirmation in grace, and may be more and more confirmed in all the heavenly graces till they are finally consummated into everlasting glory: And when by thy grace and assistance I have perfectly conquered the corrupt nature within, and the temptations without me, and arrived unto the state of everlasting

verlasting triumph, I will lay all my victories at thy feet, and with palms in my hand and hallelujahs on my lips, celebrate thy praises to eternity. Hear me O my God in this, and whatsoever else thou knowest to be needful for me, even for Jesus Christ his sake, in whose name and words I further pray.

Our Father, &c.



In Time of Afflictions.

DR. INNETT.

O Most just and holy God, who hast taught us that afflictions rise not out of the dust, but are ordered by thy wisdom, and directed by thy providence; in thy mercy and compassion look down upon me, poor dust and ashes, labouring under thy afflicting hand. Give me patience under it and let thy mercy support me, whilst I smart under the terrors of thy wrath and justice; and thy grace be sufficient for me; teaching me entirely to resign myself to thy will, and let thy blessed spirit so direct and guide me in calling my ways to remembrance, that I may find

find out the accursed thing that has provoked thy wrath and indignation against me; and so strengthen me, that I may hate and abhor, and cast from me my dearest follies, and forsake my beloved impieties and thy anger may cease from me. O thou, that killest and makest alive, hear my prayer, forgive my sin, and turn thine anger from me, for his sake in whom thou art well pleased, thy beloved son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



For due preparation for Death and Judgment.

Dr. INNETT.

ALmighty God whose hands have made and fashioned us out of the dust, and hast in thy justice pronounced, that to dust we must return again, and appointed unto all men once to die, and after that to judgment; and by my own frailties and the reproaches of my conscience, hast given such certain presages of my death, and the account I am to give, that I shall be inexcusable if I

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be found unprovided for them. O good God, let the notices thou hast given me, keep me always mindful of what I am, and what I must be; and the thoughts of death and judgment so conduct the whole course of my life, that when it is thy pleasure to call me, I may be fit to die, and give up my account with joy, and a just assurance of his favour and love, who is my saviour and my judge, Jesus Christ the righteous. *Amen.*



For an holy and happy Death.

O Eternal and holy Jesus, who by thy death hast overcome death, and by thy passion hast taken out it's sting, and made it an entrance into everlasting life, help me so to order my conversation in the world, so to govern my spirit and lead my life, that I may die with comfort and safety; and let not my death be in any sense unprovided for, nor untimely.

Grant that in the time of my sickness, I may not be left without the assistance of a spiritual guide, nor be destitute of the comfort

fort of receiving the blessed sacrament.

Let me finish my course with patience, and resignation of my own will and desires, with a firm faith, and a well grounded hope, with a true and sincere repentance, and great degrees of love towards thee my God, and charity to all the world; and whenever it shall please thee to call me out of this vain and wicked world, grant that I may die the death of the righteous, having first discharged all my obligations of justice, leaving none miserable and unprovided for through my fault at my departure.

And when the appointed time of my change comes, grant, O Lord, that I may receive it not as a curse but a deliverance, as a rest from all my labours, without trouble and without sin. O remember not against me my manifold follies, but let them all be done away by thy mercy, and my blessed Saviour's merits.

Support me, O good God, in my last agonies, and as my strength decays let my pains wear off, and when my strength fails let not my faith fail, even in death enable me to trust in thee.

Deliver me from all violent disorders of a troubled fancy, and defend me against all

delusions of my ghostly enemy. O let him not be able to disturb or terrify me, or any way to prevail against me. And when my death approaches give thy holy angels charge to stand about me, to guard and receive my poor soul at my departure, and to conduct and carry it to the blessed regions of rest and peace, there to wait for thy coming, and there to partake of the glories of thy kingdom, O eternal and holy Jesus. *Amen.*



A general Thanksgiving.

Mr. SPINCKES.

ALmighty and most loving father, the father of mercies and God of all consolation, I here prostrate myself at thy feet, humbly acknowledging thy bounty and goodness to me, desiring to bless and praise thy holy name, both now and for evermore, for all thine abundant loving kindness. It was of thy own pleasure that thou first gavest me a being, when I was not ; it is by thy most gracious hand over me, that I am still preserved in it, notwithstanding all the dangers to which I lie exposed continually. Thro' thy

thy immense patience and compassion towards me, I am now on this side the grave and everlasting misery; for I have deserved nothing of thee but heavy wrath and implacable indignation; yet dost thou not fail to multiply thy blessings upon me from day to day; blessings both spiritual and temporal; for this life and in order to a better. Praised be thy name, O Lord, for that thou hast dealt thus lovingly with me; while I live I will praise the Lord, yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God. My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and salvation, all the day long; for I know no end thereof. Blessed be the Lord, my God, who only doth wondrous things; and blessed be the name of his majesty for ever, and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. *Amen, Amen.*



A Morning Prayer for a young Person.

O LORD, my heavenly father, I humbly adore thee as the maker and governor of the world, the author of my being, the preserver of my life, and the giver of every good thing. I heartily thank thee for the comfortable

comfortable rest which I have enjoyed the night past, that thou hast preserved me in safety and raised me up in health. I bless thee for all thy goodness to me, ever since I came into the world, and especially for the advantages thou hast given me, for the instruction and improvement of my mind in the knowledge of thee, the only true God, and of thy only son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that the sense of these thy favours, may so deeply affect my heart, that I may shew forth my thankfulness in the whole course of my life.

I am thine, O Lord, by creation, by redemption, by my baptism and christian profession, by all the obligations which thou hast laid upon me. I desire to be thine also by a willing dedication of myself to thee, every day of my life, and by constant and faithful endeavours to approve myself unto thee. I beseech thee in great mercy, through the mediation of my redeemer, to pardon all my past offences, and to enable me by thy grace to discern and to amend whatsoever is amiss in me. Help me ever to remember the christian principles which I have learned, and the pious instructions which have been taught me, and never to depart from that good way
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in which I have been directed to walk. Incline my heart to all that is good, that I may be modest and humble, true and just, temperate and chaste, prudent and discreet, respectful and obedient to my superiors, innocent and inoffensive in my whole conversation, faithful and diligent in the discharge of the duties of my place and calling ; that I may fear and love thee my God above all, may do to all others as I would they should do unto me. Make me perfectly contented with my condition, and thankful to thee, who hast given all things necessary for life and godliness. Let thy good providence take care of me, as I desire to place my trust and confidence in thee.

Take me I beseech thee, into thy protection this day ; keep me if thou see good in health and safety. Preserve me from the vanity of my own heart, and from the temptation of the world and the devil. Help me in a sense of thy continual presence with me, and of the account I am to give unto thee, so to govern all my thoughts, words and actions, that I may reflect upon them with satisfaction at the close of this day.

Let thy blessing be upon every member of this family, upon all my relations and friends,
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and upon whom I ought, and whom I desire to pray for. I humbly commit both myself and them to thee, O my God in the name of Jesus Christ my saviour, and in the words which he himself hath taught me,

Our Father, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a young Person.

MOST gracious God, my heavenly father, as I began, so I desire always to end the day, with blessing thy holy name and begging thy favour. Honour and worship, praise and thanksgiving are due to thee from every understanding and reasonable creature. I heartily bless thee, that I am of that number; and that thou hast moreover revealed thyself to me, by thy son Jesus Christ my redeemer, and encouraged me to call upon thee in his name. I humbly thank thee for thy daily care of me, and particularly for that good providence which hath been over me the day past; that thou hast preserved me from the many evils to which I am justly liable, and hast bestowed upon me so many good things, which I have not deserved; especially

especially for whatsoever thou hast enabled me to do which is acceptable in thy sight, and which I can reflect upon with satisfaction. I humbly bewail, O Lord, the great weakness and corruption of my nature, and the many errors and transgressions of my life. I humbly beg thy mercy in the pardon of all my sins, through the mediation of my blessed redeemer, particularly of whatsoever thou hast seen amiss in me this day, either in my thoughts, words, or deeds.

Grant, O Lord, that the sense of my unworthiness may always keep me humble. Work in me an unfeigned repentance for all my sins, and let the remembrance of them ever excite me to greater care and watchfulness. Strengthen in me every good purpose and resolution. What I know not do thou teach me; and wherein I have done amiss help me to do so no more.

Leave me not, O Lord, at any time to myself, nor in the hands of my spiritual enemies. Preserve me from those circumstances that would prove a snare and temptation to me. Let thy good spirit continually enlighten and sanctify my mind, directing and assisting me thro' the whole course of my life.

Fill me with a due sense of my constant and entire dependance upon thee, that I may always commit myself to thy care, and be ever satisfied with thy disposal. Teach me so to number my days, that I may apply my heart to true and heavenly wisdom. Help me to live in a daily preparation for my great change, keeping my conscience void of offences both towards thee and all men, and to be always so employed, as I shall wish I had been at the last; that whensoever thou shalt think fit to call me out of this world, I may readily and thankfully exchange it for a better. Take me, I beseech thee, into thy gracious protection this night. Preserve me if thou seest good in health and safety, and grant me that rest which may refresh my body, and dispose me to serve thee chearfully both in body and mind in the day ensuing. I heartily desire the good of all mankind, and pray unto thee for the purity, and peace, and enlargement of thy Holy Church; for the direction and assistance of all its governors and pastors, particularly those under whose guidance I am placed; for the welfare of my country; for a blessing on the king and all in authority under him; for the relief and comfort of all that are in affliction,

affliction, for all my friends and relations;
beseeching thee to hear and to accept me and
all that call upon thee in the name of Jesus
Christ, our only Lord and Saviour, who
hath taught me thus to pray,

Our Father, &c.



A Morning Prayer for a Servant.

O Lord my God, the great creator and
preserver of all mankind; I bless and
praise thy holy name, for all thy mercies to
my soul and body; as thou hast given me
another day, O give me grace to spend it to
thy honour and glory: Enable me to work
in it the work for which thou hast sent me
into the world, before the night of death
cometh wherein I cannot work; that I may
not increase the number of my transgressions,
by running heedlessly or knowingly into the
commission of any sin.

O God, thou witness of all my actions,
and judge of all my thoughts and affections,
what would become of me if thou shouldst
enter into strict judgment with me? How shall
I stand before thy tribunal, and bear the shame

of my sins. Lord, I repent; increafe thou my repentance. I repent of [*Here mention those sins which most burden your conscience.*] O be thou reconciled to me, and pardon me, for the sake of Jesus Christ; and not only pardon my sins, but deliver me from the power and dominion of them.

I am conscious to myself of great weakness and frailty, O do thou confirm and strengthen me; create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me: Give me a true faith, and inflame my heart with an holy love, that I may delight in thy commandments; that I may walk before thee in uprightness and fear, in faithfulness and honesty, constantly and chearfully depending upon thee, and doing the duty of my place, not with eye service but with singleness of heart, as knowing I shall be accountable to thee at the last day, as well for those duties which I owe in my state of servitude, as for those which are more immediately to be paid to thee.

O Lord I beseech thee to keep me from all opprobrious and reproachful language; from all lying and flandering; and from all unjust and deceitful actions. Make me always thankful, humble and contented; neither

ther withholding from thee the praise due to thy infinite bounty and mercy, nor from man the thanks due to him for any act of kindness or charity towards me. Help me, O my God, so to walk before thee, that my soul may enjoy a true liberty; that my life may be full of comfort, my death of peace, and that I may obtain eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless this Family to which I belong, sow in our hearts the seeds of unfeigned charity, that we may all enjoy the comforts of a mutual affection, and of a mutual assistance and aid in our several places.

Possess us with a just sense of duty towards thee, and towards man, that we may be living members of thy blessed son; and grant that being protected by thy good providence, directed by thy word, and assisted by the influence of thy holy spirit, we may meet in the family of heaven, where we shall adore and praise thee, love and enjoy thee to all eternity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose most holy name and words, I continue to pray,

Our Father, &c.

An Evening Prayer for the same.

Dr. PATRICK.

O Lord most high, who art the maker of the rich and the poor, with whom there is no respect of persons, look graciously upon me I humbly beseech thee, who here cast down myself before thee, acknowledging thy sovereign power over all, and thy wise providence, which hath disposed all things unto several ranks and orders, for their mutual help and benefit. I humbly submit to the state and condition wherein thou hast been pleased to place me before many others. I thank thee that I live, and that I live in health, and have strength of body, great and invaluable blessings, and that I have so much liberty as to make my requests unto thee, and acknowledge thy mercies, and that I have any hope that thou wilt never cease to do me good, till thou hast crowned all thy mercies in eternal life.

Good Lord pardon me, if I have at any time murmured or repined at my condition, or envied the higher state of other persons. Pardon all my other offences whatever they have

have been, and vouchsafe to deliver me from the bondage of sin, and to make me a servant of righteousness, and I shall not only be contented, but perpetually rejoice in thy salvation.

Endue me with a right understanding of my duty, in this relation wherein I stand, that according to thy command, I may account those whom I serve worthy of all honour, being careful to please them in all things, never contradicting, or purloining, but shewing all good fidelity, and with good will and singleness of heart doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. Help me to demean myself so humbly, and whatsoever I do, to do it so heartily, that I may obtain favour in their eyes: Or if they be forward and hard to please, O God preserve me from all unseemly passions, disrespectful behaviour towards them, and make me so much the more diligent in their business, remembering that I serve the Lord Christ, from whom, I expect to receive the reward of the inheritance.

If thou art pleased any other way, to afflict me with sickness or pains in my body, which may hinder my labour and cast me into poverty, Lord, still strengthen my faith
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and confidence in thee; and help me to bear it with a patient mind, looking unto Jesus, who took upon him the form of a servant, and became poor and suffered much for our sakes, but now is therefore highly exalted to succour and comfort all those that follow after him contentedly in well-doing.

Do thou, O Lord, who never slumbearest nor sleepest, watch over me and this whole family, let thy angels pitch their tents about us this night; let us lie down securely, and let our sleep be sweet and refreshing to us, for Jesus Christ his sake, in whose most holy name and words, I beg all things needful both for myself and all mankind, particularly all that I am bound to pray for,

Our Father, &c.

A Servant's Prayer for either Morning or Evening, when Time will not admit of the Use of the foregoing.

O Almighty God, who in thy wisdom has made differing ranks of men, and givest blessings suitable to every state and condi-

condition, look down upon me and give me grace to do my duty with patience and diligence, with fidelity and chearfulness, in that state of life wherein thou hast placed me. Pardon all my sins and give me grace unfeignedly to repent of the same, and make me truly thankful for all thy mercies; and do thou at last receive me among thy faithful servants, for his sake, who took upon him the form of a servant, Jesus Christ, in whose name and words I further call upon thee saying,

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for one deliberating about Marriage.

New M A N U A L.

O God the creator and preserver of mankind, who hast instituted the holy state of matrimony, as the only way to continue the world, and for the comfort of man's life, under the various evils, cares, and labours of it, by the mutual society and help

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that married persons ought to have for one another, both in prosperity and adversity; and for the good of human society, by preventing many confusions, and promoting concord therein; grant that now I have thoughts of entering into this state, I may so seriously consider the chief end of its institution, as not to enterprize the same unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, to satisfy my carnal lust or appetites, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God.

Let me seriously consider, and weigh beforehand the solemn vow and promise I shall then make, so as never to entertain any thoughts of it without a sincere purpose of heart, and firm resolution of mind to perform the same.

Let me consider, if I marry, my future happiness or misery of life will very much depend on the choice I make, that, with whomsoever I marry, I venture the being happy or unhappy all my days; and that I shall be obliged by thy holy laws to love my partner, and no other till death.

Let not a wild and sensual, a heedless and inconsiderate spirit, rule me in this momentous change of life. Let reason and religion,

ligion, prudence and consideration, and above all thy good providence, direct my choice; and let my chief ends be those for which matrimony was ordained.

Let me chiefly aim at religion and virtue, wisdom and discretion, and such other good qualities and dispositions in a partner, as are most likely to last and continue, and not such as only last and please for a time, and will bear but little satisfactory reflection afterwards.

O Lord, the sovereign and wise disposer of all things, grant I may duly consider, that a man's heart deviseth a way, and proposeth a design to make his life easy and happy; yet thou, O Lord, directeth his steps, and determineth the event, and givest such issues as it pleaseth thee, and when thou seest fit many times quite contrary to what he intended or perswaded himself of. I know the way of man is not himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps.

Let me therefore in all my ways acknowledge thee, that thou mayest vouchsafe to direct my paths; Let me not trust to my own prudence, care, skill, or any human aid, but let me seek to engage thy good provi-

dence on my behalf, and only regard to do my own duty; because the events are thine, and thou canst turn the fairest prospects of happiness to my punishment and misery: And far be it from me, O God, to endeavour to rescue them out of thy hand, by fraud, or falshood, or by using any dishonest or unworthy means, to bring this, or any other purpose about; always remembering that he that walketh uprightly walketh surely. And let me wait thy time, and think that always best, for thou only knowest what things are joined to, and are the consequences of others, and what is fittest for me, and my greatest happiness, and hast promised that all things shall work for good to those that love thee. In confidence hereof, let me rest satisfied with that state and condition, whatever it be that thou in thy wisdom and goodness shalt order me. O Lord, vouchsafe to hear my prayer, which I offer thro' the mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour. *Amen.*

Let me therefore in all my ways acknowledge thee, that thou mayest vouchsafe to direct my paths; Let me not trust to my own prudence, care, skill, or any human aid, but let me seek to engage thy good providence

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*For a Maiden before she enters into the State
of Marriage.*

Bishop TAYLOR,

O Most glorious God, and my most indulgent Lord, and gracious father, who dost bless us by thy bounty, pardon us by thy mercy, support and guide us by thy grace, and govern us by thy good providence. I give thee most humble and hearty thanks, that thou hast hitherto preserved me in my virgin state with innocence and chastity, in a good name and a modest report. It is thy goodness alone, and the blessed emanation of thy holy spirit, by which I have been preserved, and to thee I return all praise and thanks, and adore and love thy infinite goodness.

And now, O Lord, since by thy dispensation, and over-ruling providence, I am to change my condition, and enter into the holy state of marriage, which thou hast sanctified by thy institutions, and blessed by thy word and promises, and raised up to an excellent mystery, that it might represent the union of Christ and his Church; be pleased
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to go along with thy servant in my entering into, and passing through this state, that it may not be a state of temptation, or sorrow, by occasion of my sins and infirmities; but of holiness and comfort, as thou hast intended it to be, to all that love and fear thy holy name.

Lord bless and preserve that dear person, whom thou hast chosen to be my husband: Let his life be long and blessed, comfortable and holy; and let me also become a great blessing and comfort unto him; a sharer in all his joys, a refreshment in all his sorrows; a meet helper for him in all accidents and changes of the world. Make me amiable for ever in his eyes and very dear to him. Unite his heart to me in the dearest union of love and holiness, and mine to him in all sweetness and charity and compliance. Keep me from all moroseness and ungentleness, all fullness and harshness of disposition, all pride and vanity, all discontentedness and unreasonableness of passion and humour; and make me humble, obedient, charitable and loving, patient and contented, useful and observant; that we may delight in each other according to thy blessed word and ordinance, and both of us may rejoice in thee,
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having our portion in the love and service of God, for ever and ever.

O blessed father, never suffer any mistakes or discontent; and distrustfulness or sorrow, any trifling arrests of fancy, or unhandsome accident to cause any unkindness between us; but let us so dearly love, so affectionately observe, so religiously attend to each others good and content, that we may always please thee, and by this learn and practice our duty and greatest love to thee, and become mutual helps to each other in the way of godliness, that when we have received the blessings of a married life, the comforts of society, the endearments of an holy and great affection, and the dowry of blessed children, we may for ever dwell together in the embraces of thy love and glories, feasting in the marriage supper of the lamb to eternal ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen, Amen.



For a New Married Couple.

Merciful God and loving father, according to thy good will and providence,
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thou hast joined us together in holy matrimony, that we should live therein according to thy order and appointment; grant that we may live together in thy fear; for blessed is the man that in all conditions of life feareth the Lord, and hath great delight in his commandments: His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Let us love thy word above all the things of this world, and let it be our delight to hear and learn it, that we may be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth it's fruit in due season. Let us dwell together in love, peace and concord. Let us love and honour modesty in marriage, keeping our bed undefiled; and if it please thee in process of time to bless us with children, give us thy grace that we may train them up in the way they should go, and teach them the fear of the Lord. Make a hedge about our house, and all our goods on every side, as thou didst unto thy servant Job, that satan and his instruments may find no access unto us. Guard and defend our house and substance, from fire and water, from tempests, from thieves and murderers and other destructive calamities; for whatever we have thou hast bestowed

bestowed upon us. Do thou therefore with thy powerful hand support and preserve it; for except thou, O Lord, buildest the house, they labour in vain that build it. Except thou keep the city the watchman watcheth but in vain; and unto thy beloved thou givest sleep. And when thou shalt be pleased, O merciful father, to visit us with crosses and tribulations, then give us also patience, that we may readily submit ourselves to the rod of thy paternal correction; and do thou uphold us with thy mercy. Do thou order our steps by thy wisdom, that thou may'st delight in our ways. If we fall let us not be utterly cast down, but raise us up again in due time. Mitigate such afflictions as thou shalt be pleased to send upon us, comforting us again after the day of trouble; and never forsake us in our distress. Grant, that we may never immoderately set our affections on temporal things, or love them above eternal ones. For as we brought nothing into this world, so it is as certain we can take nothing out. Guard us therefore by thy fear from the love of money, the root of all evil; and let us follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness; laying hold on eternal life to which we are called.

And, O almighty and everlasting God, who at the beginning didst create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and didst sanctify, and join them together in marriage ; pour upon us the riches of thy grace, sanctify and bless us, that we may please thee both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto our lives end ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



To be frequently used by a Woman with Child.

O God, who art the author of our being, the fountain of life, and of all blessings spiritual and temporal ; thou art great and doest wondrous things, thou art God alone, I adore thy glorious majesty, which has begun an excellent work in me, which no eye but thine sees, and no hand but thy almighty power can finish. Be pleased I beseech thee, in great goodness, to perfect and compleat that which thou hast begun in me ; give it it's due shape and full growth, and preserve me from all frights or evil accidents, which may cause me to miscarry. And bless it, O God, in mind as well as in body ;

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endue it with an understanding capable to know thee, with a heart strongly bent to fear thee, and with all those holy and good dispositions, that may make it always amiable in thy sight. O sanctify it, I beseech thee, from the womb, and receive and reckon it for thy child, as soon as it is mine; lent to me for my comfort, but created and reserved by thee for thy service and glory.

O Lord I humbly commit both myself and the babe, which is conceived in me, to thy mercy and goodness. Strengthen and enable me, I pray thee, to go through all the pains and uneasiness of child-bearing, with patience and submission to thy will; considering that they are the just punishment of sin. Give me an humble trust and dependance on thy fatherly care and good providence, and make me, in thy good time, a joyful mother of a hopeful child, which may live to be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in it's generation, and then be received into thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

When a Woman draws near the time of Travail.

Mr. SPINCKES.

O Eternal God, thou father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and who hast promised to hearken to those who call upon thee in their necessities; hear I beseech thee, the supplication of thine handmaid, who feel my travail coming upon me, and cry unto thee in the anguish of my soul. The faster my pangs come upon me, the more I beg thou wilt exert thy strength for my ease, that I be not overwhelmed with the weight of them. Consider my impotency, and support and deliver me; forsake me not when my strength faileth me, my spirits faint, and I cannot bear the burden of my sorrows without thy assistance. Forgive my sins, O Lord, and moderate my pains, if it be thy blessed will. As thou hast given a power to conceive grant me likewise strength to bring forth, that I may be a joyful mother of a child endued with a sound and perfect body, complete in all it's parts, and fitted for all it's proper operations, and with an understanding capable in due time of knowing

knowing thee, with a will disposed to love and fear thee. Grant that we may both serve thee faithfully in our generation, and whenever it shall be thy pleasure to take either of us out of this world, be graciously pleased to make us partakers of thine everlasting kingdom, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be all honour and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*



*A Prayer to be used in behalf of a Woman
in Labour.*

O God our refuge and strength, we fly unto thee for succour in behalf of thy servant, now labouring under the pains and anguish of child-birth. Shorten her sorrow; increase her patience, and lay not upon her more than thou wilt enable her to bear.

O hear her prayers, and let her crying come unto thee; forsake her not, we beseech thee, when her strength faileth; give her an humble trust and confidence in thy goodness, and **O** let her find, that the supports

ports and comforts of thy holy spirit, far exceed the pains that she is now to go through.

Give her a quiet submission to thy blessed will and in thy good time, send her ease and deliverance. Preserve that Infant which now struggleth for it's birth, and if it be thy good pleasure, make her speedily a joyful mother of a hopeful and perfect child, that may live to be an instrument of thy glory, and useful in it's generation.

O Lord we leave her in thy hands, and resign her to thy will; humbly beeching thee to deal graciously with her, through the merits and for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



A Thanksgiving after Delivery.

WE thank thee, O father, of heaven and earth, for thy long continued goodness to us thy creatures, who are unworthy of the least of thy favours. In thee we live, move, and have our being. Blessed be thy name, O Lord, who forgivest all our iniquities,

iniquities, and healest all our diseases; who redeemest our life from destruction, and crownest us with loving kindneses and tender mercies. More particularly we thank thee that thou hast graciously heard the humble supplications of this thy servant, to whom thou hast granted a merciful deliverance; and turned her sorrow and heaviness into joy and gladness. We thank thee that thou hast sent her seasonable helps, and blessed their endeavours for the preservation of her and the fruit of the womb, and that thou likewise vouchsafest her all needful things, for her refreshment in this weak condition wherein she lies, waiting upon thee for the perfecting thy Mercies towards her.

Accept, we beseech thee, of our hearty praise and thanksgiving, for all these thy mercies bestowed upon her, and if thou seest fit grant her health and strength, that she may live to return thee most hearty thanks, and do good in the generation wherein she is placed. O that a lively remembrance of this and all other thy favours, may so thoroughly affect our hearts, that we may be moved thereby to fear thee all our days, and to love thee, and put our trust in thee; and with quiet and resigned minds, cast all our cares

on thee, in a constant and chearful obedience to all thy holy commandments.

Endue this thy servant with all holy thoughts of her duty to thee, that she may never forget thy gracious kindness towards her; refresh her spirit whilst she lies on this bed of weakness; fill her mind with a sense of thy wonderful love in Christ Jesus, who was pleased to be born of a Woman, and to become like one of us; that we might be assured of thy care over us in every condition, and be made thy children, and at last the heirs of everlasting life; and when she hath recovered her former strength, make her to feel this love still more powerful in her heart, exciting her to serve thee carefully in all righteousness, sobriety, modesty, devotion, and readines to assist others, especially the poor and needy, in the same distress wherein she hath been herself.

[Omit the two following Paragraphs if the Child be dead.]

We commend likewise this little one, thou hast blessed us withal, unto thy tender care and fatherly love; beseeching thee, that it may live to be dedicated to thee; and to be instructed in the knowledge of thee, and to praise thee, as we now do, for bringing it
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into the world; and for making it a partaker likewise of thy grace in Christ Jesus.

Or if it shall seem good unto thee, to let either of them fall into any farther danger, enable her to endure it with patient submission to thee, trusting, even in death itself, in thy good providence, and in thy precious promises, who never failest those that faithfully seek thee.

Hear us O Father of mercies, and pardon our offences, pity our infirmities; make us more thankful for what we have received, and more fit for thy tender mercies, either in this life, or the next, through thy infinite love declared unto us in Christ Jesus; in whose holy words, we conclude our prayers, saying, as he himself hath taught us,

Our Father, &c.



Her own Thanksgiving as soon as she is able.

Mr. SPINCKS:

THOU hast, of thy great goodness, O Lord, carried me safely through the great pain and peril of child-birth; I desire

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therefore to pay my most humble acknowledgements, and profoundest adoration to thee, my Saviour and Deliverer. To thee be the praise that another child is born into the world, and that thou hast preserved me it's mother, under the sorrows with which I was encompassed. O be pleased to continue, increase, and sanctify thy mercies to thine unworthy servant; that I may live to thy honour, by whose providence alone it is that I live at all. Perfect what thou hast begun in me, and so establish my health, that I may be fitted to praise and serve thee. Preserve me from the power of the tempter, and the corruption of my own evil heart, that I may not mispend any of the time that thou grantest me for better purposes; but my whole study may be to observe thy statutes, and every day improve in my obedience to them. And cast an eye of pity on my poor infant, which is not able to pray for itself, preserve it to be an useful instrument of thy glory; grant it the grace of baptismal regeneration, that, being received into covenant with thee, it may be stedfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, and so pass through the waves of this troublesome world, that finally
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it may come to the land of everlasting rest, there to reign with thee, in thy heavenly glory, world without end, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God blessed for evermore. *Amen.*



A Prayer for a Child after he has learned the Lord's Prayer

Dr. PATRICK.

Heavenly Father, who despisest nothing that thou hast made, but takest care of the beasts of the earth, and of the fowls of the air; bless me thy child whom thou hast made in thy image, and adopted for thy own, by thy grace in Christ. Preserve me this day from all evil, both in soul and body; give me what thou seest good for me; especially an heart to know thee early; to be thankful to thee, to love thee, and to do thy will, as well as I am able. Bless my father and my mother, and all my friends, and make me a follower of those who are good, for the sake of my Saviour, Christ Jesus the Lord. *Amen.* *Our Father, &c.*

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Another when he is grown older.

Dr. PATRICK.

O Lord my most loving Saviour, and merciful Redeemer, who commandest that the little children should come unto thee, and didst take them up in thine arms, lay thy hands upon them and bless them; look graciously upon me I humbly beseech thee, and bless me, who am one of thy children, dedicated to thy service. Pity the weakness of my tender age, and prevent me betimes with thy grace; make me seriously to remember my creator in the days of my youth, Endue me with a fear of thee, and make me always mindful of the vow and promise that was made in my name, when I was baptized, to forsake the devil and all his works, to believe in God and to serve him.

Make me dutiful, as thou, O Lord Jesus wast, unto my parents, loving to all my relations and friends, obedient to my instructors; thankful for the good counsel of my friends; humble and reverent to my betters, and meek and gentle to all men; and as I grow in years so may I grow in wisdom and
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favour with thee, and with all those that are good.

Preserve me from all dangers, let thy good angels be my keepers and defenders, and guide me by thy holy spirit, that the longer I live the better I may be, to the comfort of my parents, the honour and glory of God, and my own happiness here and for ever. *Amen.*



A Morning Prayer for a Child.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, who hast preserved me from the perils of the night past, who hast refreshed me with sleep, and raised me up again to praise thy holy name.

I humbly worship thee, O God, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ my Redeemer; and I do again devote myself to thee, desiring to serve thee faithfully this, and all the days of my life.

Help me to remember thee, my creator, in the days of my youth.

Preserve me from those errors and follies to which the frailty of my age does most expose

pose me ; and keep me innocent from every great offence.

Deliver me from the 'vanity of my own heart, and from the temptations of evil company.

Incline my heart to all that is good ; that I may be modest and humble, true and just, temperate and diligent, respectful and obedient to my superiors ; that I may fear and love thee above all ; that I may love my neighbour as myself, and do unto every one, as I would they should do unto me.

Let thy good providence defend me this day from all evil, and let the grace of thy holy spirit continually prevent and assist me.

Bless me, I pray thee, in my learning, and help me daily to increase in knowledge, and wisdom and all virtue.

I humbly beg thy blessing, upon all my relations and friends, as also upon my benefactors, my master and fellow scholars, and every one in this house : Grant to them whatsoever may be good for them in this life, and guide them to life everlasting.

I humble commit myself to thee, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ my saviour, and in the words which he himself hath taught me, *Our Father, &c.*

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An Evening Prayer for the same.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, who hast preserved me the day past; who hast defended me from those evils to which I am continually exposed in this uncertain life, who hast continued my health, who hast bestowed upon me all things necessary for life and godliness.

I humbly beseech thee, O heavenly father, to pardon whatsoever thou hast seen amiss in me this day, in my thoughts, or words, or actions.

Assist me, I pray thee, in making it my constant endeavour to resist and conquer every evil inclination within me, and every temptation from without.

Help me daily to increase in the knowledge and love of thee, my God, and of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

Shew me the way in which I should walk, whilst I am young, and grant that I may never depart from it.

Bless to me, I pray thee, whatsoever good Instructions have been given to me this day; help me carefully to remember them, and
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duly to improve them; that I may be ever growing in knowledge and wisdom and goodness.

I humbly commit my soul and body to thy care this night, begging thy gracious protection and blessing.

And all these blessings which I ask for myself I heartily desire for all my relations, friends, and benefactors, my master and fellow scholars, and all in this house. Let it please thee to guide us all in this present life, and to conduct us to thy heavenly kingdom, thro' Jesus Christ, our only Lord and saviour, in whose words I conclude my prayers,

Our Father, &c.



A Child's Prayer for his Parents.

MR. JENKS.

O LORD God, my heavenly father, I here prostrate myself before thee to beg thy blessing, grace, and mercy upon my earthly parents. Cast them not away in the time of their old age; forsake them not when their strength faileth them. But have compassion,

passion, Lord, on their infirmities, and help them in all their weakness. O remember not against them any of their former iniquities; but according to thy mercies remember them, for thy goodness sake in Christ Jesus. O that the true wisdom may be with them, and thine abundant grace upon them; that they may be found in the way of righteousness, and their souls be ever precious in thy sight; and let goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their lives: Let their last days be their best days; and the longer they live here in this world make them the readier to die, and the fitter to live with thy blessed self, in the glorious life eternal. O be thou their guide until death, and in their death support and comfort; and when heart and flesh, and all here shall fail them, O do thou never fail them, but be the strength of their hearts, and their portion for evermore. *Amen.*

A Parents Prayer for Children.

O Lord, my God, the children which thou hast given me, I return and surrender them up to thee. O that they may own thee, and be owned by thee, every one from the greatest to the least. Pour out thy spirit upon my seed, and thy blessing upon my offspring. Make them, Lord, thy children by adoption and spiritual regeneration. O take possession of their hearts, and season their tender years with thy heavenly grace; and teach those who have the teaching of them; that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and trained up in the way that they should go. I have helped to bring them into the world children of wrath, O that thou wouldst make me instrumental to set them up in thy church the children of grace. Lord have mercy upon them, and speak life to their souls; and, whatsoever else they want, O let them have thy grace, and the portion of thy children. My God, be thou a gracious father to them, and a merciful provider for them in all estates, all affairs and events of this life. Dispose them
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and whatever concerns them, to thy glory, as to the promoting of their everlasting salvation.

Shouldst thou take them from hence before me, O fit them for thee; and make me willing to resign them to thee. Or if thou take me from them, O my Lord, take them, and be an infinitely better father to them, when I am gone. O keep them from the evil of this world; and conduct and bring them safe through it to a better. Take thou care even of their temporal concerns, and chuse their inheritance for them; that they may find a convenient being here, and an easy passage through this present life. But especially, O God, take care of their souls, and give them the blessed treasure in heaven; that when they shall be deprived of all here, they may be taken into thy glorious kingdom above, to live with thee and all the heavenly host, world without end. *Amen.*

A Preparatory Prayer before Confirmation.

O Most glorious God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for ever; in all humility of soul and body, I cast myself down at thy footstool, beseeching thee for Jesus Christ his sake, to accept of my most hearty thanks for the great privilege of being born in a christian church, and of christian parents, and of being by them dedicated to thy worship and service, according to our blessed Saviour's institution in the holy sacrament of Baptism, where-with that most gracious covenant, which thou hast wonderfully condescended to make with the sinful sons of men, through Jesus Christ, was in a solemn manner sealed unto me and by me. The promise and vow, which was then made to thee, O God, in my name, I do now, I hope, by such helps as thou of thy goodness hast afforded me, competently understand; and unfeignedly I acknowledge myself bound to perform all that was promised for me. Good Lord, pardon my negligence hitherto in learning my duty, and all the sins whereof I have been guilty since

I was baptized to this very moment. And graciously accept of me thus in my own person, renewing that promise and vow, which was then made by others in my behalf.

I do here, O Lord, in thy presence, who art the great searher of hearts, and from whom no secret thought can be hid, most freely, fully, and resolvedly, from henceforward, for evermore repent of all, and renounce all sin; and will to the utmost of the power thou hast given me, resist all the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh; so that I will not willingly follow, nor be led by them. I do stedfastly believe, and will by thy help continue in the belief of all the articles of the christian faith; and I am resolved through the help of thy grace, without which I can do no good thing, to keep thy holy will and commandments, in all sincerity and godly simplicity of heart, and to persevere walking in the same, all the days of my life.

All this I am bound to believe and do, and by thy help so I will. And as I do heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that thou hast called me to this state of salvation, thro' Jesus Christ my saviour; so I most humbly beseech thee, that thou would be pleased to
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dispose my soul, into a truly christian frame, in the owning and renewing this my baptismal covenant, in thine especial presence, and before the governors of thy church, at my solemn confirmation; wherein I shall discharge my godfathers and godmothers, and take these promises and vows upon my own conscience, and that thou wouldst enable me by thy holy spirit, to perform them unto my life's end. And when the Bishop, in token hereof shall lay his hand upon me, and bless me in thy name; do thou, O Lord, defend me with thy heavenly grace, that I may continue thine for ever. Confirm and strengthen me in all godliness, that I may daily increase in thy spirit more and more. Preserve me a living and sound member in Christ, a dutiful and dear child of God, and an heir through faith in Christ, of the kingdom of heaven; that through thy mercy, O God the Father, and thy merits and intercession, O God the Son; and thy guidance and sanctification, O God the Holy Ghost, I may in thy good time obtain the end of my faith, even the salvation of my soul, to the glory of thy grace. *Amen.*

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After Confirmation.

O Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, in whose name I was baptized, and to whom I have now by solemn confirmation again devoted myself with all powers and interests, according to the blessed terms of my baptismal covenant: I praise and magnify thy holy name for giving me this opportunity of being once more dedicated to thy service, and of renewing and ratifying in my own person, the promises and vows which were made in my name. I have sworn, O Lord, and will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

But, alas, I am able of myself to do nothing which is good, not so much as to think one good thought: And I no sooner shall rise from my knees, but I fear I shall be tempted to the breach of those very vows, I have now so solemnly made. And those temptations will certainly overcome me, unless thou, Lord, dost seasonably interpose thy grace to withhold me.

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But, I can do all things thro' thee strengthening me: Do thou, O blessed saviour, perfect thy strength in my weakness; for in thee only is my trust.

O my God, thou hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to those that ask it. Behold, Lord, I do humbly and earnestly ask thy Holy Spirit now of thee: O fulfil thy gracious promise to me: O vouchsafe me that Holy Spirit I pray for, to purify my corrupt nature, to strengthen my weakness, to comfort me in troubles, to support me in discouragements, to succour me in temptations, and to assist me in all parts of my duty; that I may ever hereafter live in thy fear, and in constant sincere and universal obedience to all thy righteous laws.

Thou, O searcher of hearts, knowest the sins I am most inclined to, [*here name it, or them*] and herein will lie my greatest danger of backsliding: But, O my God, I beg a double portion of thy spirit, and invisible aid against them. Hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. O work in me that victorious faith, by which I may overcome the world, the devil, and my own corrupt nature.

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And forasmuch as I am encouraged by thy favour and gracious goodness, whereof this holy ordinance of laying on of hands is a sign unto me, to hope that thou wilt not deny me the constant assistance of thy good spirit, to strengthen and confirm me in a perfect love and obedience to all thy righteous commands; do thou, I beseech thee, cherish and encrease those good motions, thou hast wrought in me towards a more compleat participation of thee. Let nothing in this world draw, or drive me from a state of favour with thee, O Father, and with thy son Jesus Christ, thro' the preparations of the spirit of holiness. Thy favour O my God is better than life; and the communication of thy spirit more to be esteemed than all worldly treasure. Thy service is perfect freedom, and thy laws the most wise directions of human life, and the sure paths to eternal bliss. O Lord vouchsafe to strengthen, stablish, and settle me in the practice of them for ever; that being through thy grace faithful unto the death, I may through thy mercy, attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ our only mediator and advocate, in whose prevailing name and comprehensive words I conclude my imperfect prayers,

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Before a Journey.

MR. NELSON.

ALmighty God, in whom all things live, move, and have their being, who dost govern all things by thy wise providence, and whose protection is my only security and defence; I humbly beseech thy divine majesty to give thy holy angels charge over me, in the journey I am now about to undertake. Let thy grace preserve me from all the temptations to which I shall be exposed, in all those places and companies whither my occasions shall lead me; defend me from thieves and robbers, and protect me from all other dangers and evil accidents; preserve my going out and my coming in; let thy providence be my guard, thy grace my defence, and thy blessed self my portion, now and evermore, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a Journey.

Blessed be thy name, O God, who hast protected and preserved me from many perils and dangers, in the journey I have lately taken. Thou hast been a covering to me night and day in every place where I have been; from I know not how many dangers; and hast at last brought me home in peace and safety to my relations and friends, whom thou hast protected and their dwelling from all evil accidents.

To thy good providence I wholly owe it; and I desire to be duly thankful for these and all other thy great mercies and deliverances, who hast dealt so bountifully with me.

Bless all others I beseech thee that desire the same mercy, of which thou hast made me a partaker. Receive them into thy protection; conduct them in safety to the end of their journey; make them ever mindful of thy loving-kindness, and carefully to remember that every new benefit is a new obligation to better obedience, for thy mercies sake in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

A Sailor's Prayer at Sea.

O Eternal God, who orderest all things according to thy will, and without whose blessing and protection it is vain that we rise up early, sit up late and eat the bread of carefulness; receive me into thy care and protection. Give thy angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways, and let thy almighty goodness preserve me in health and safety, among all the dangers of a boisterous and unruly element. O thou that shewest thy wonders in the deeps, preserve me from the terrors of storm and tempest, the violence of the waves, the barbarity of pyrates, and miseries of shipwreck, and make this voyage safe and prosperous, and me thankful for all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*In a Storm.*

Dr. TAYLOR.

O Eternal and most holy Saviour Jesus, who in the days of thy flesh, didst command the winds and rebuke the seas,
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and they obeyed thy voice, and art now exalted above all heavens, Lord and prince of the whole creation; graciously look down upon us miserable sinners, who in the abyſs of our troubles, invoke thee the father of mercies; rebuke the winds, and restrain the raging of the ſea; conſider the prayers of thy ſervants who truſt in thee alone for ſuccour; reſcue us from this imminent danger, and bring us ſafe to the haven where we would be; ſo ſhall we praiſe thy name for thy goodneſs, and declare the wondrous deliverance to the children of men, evermore praiſing thee, in thy holy church, O eternal and moſt gracious redeemer. *Amen.*



Thankſgiving after a ſtorm.

Dr. PATRICK.

GLORY, honour, thankſgiving and praiſe be unto thee, O God my Saviour and mighty Deliverer. Thou art worthy of all my love and all my ſervice; of more than I can ever be able to render to thee, who haſt made me and redeemed me, and now graciously preſerve me. What ſhall

shall I return unto thee for all the benefits thou hast heaped upon me; I can never thank thee, never love thee enough, for those which I have formerly received; and yet thou hast now put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto my God.

For if the Lord had not been with me, I must needs acknowledge, if it had not been the Lord who protected me, when the sea rose up against me, then had it swallowed me up quick; when it swelled and raged horribly against me, then the waters had overwhelmed me, the streams had gone over my soul.

Blessed be the Lord, who hath not cast me out of his sight, nor suffered all his billows and waves to pass over me. I have escaped the stormy wind and tempest; the storm is ceased, and I am escaped. I will sacrifice therefore to thee the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. Our help is in the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

Let the remembrance of thy mercy never slip out of my mind. And make me mindful of my own promises, forward to perform every part of my duty, and chearful in the performance it; that so I may be
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able to trust in thee at all times. When my soul is ready to faint within me, help me to remember thee, O Lord, and always study to walk before thee, as thy every way redeem'd one; who desires that all those who have been partakers of the same deliverance may all express the same thankfulness, and pay thee their vows, which their lips have uttered, when they were in trouble.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Let us sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. For his merciful kindness is great towards us, and his truth endureth for ever, praise the Lord, *Amen.*
Amen.



Thanksgiving after a good Voyage.

Dr. INNET,

O Most gracious God, from whom all good things do come, and to whom all thanks and praise are due, accept the return of a thankful soul, for thy care and providence over me, in bringing me back to enjoy the fruits of my pains and dangers; make

make me sensible that my dependance is upon thee, and that from thy goodness I derive all mercies that I enjoy; that it is not my own care and conduct, or the wisdom and industry of man, but thy merciful providence, which is over all thy works, that has given success to my endeavours, and a happy end to all my fears and dangers, and do thou give me grace to be thankful, and shew my gratitude by giving up myself to thy service, and walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all my days, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*



For the poor and needy.

Mr. J E N K S.

O Lord the great disposer of all our estates and concerns; thy providence appoints every one their several stations; and it is thy will that there shall be poor and low, as well as rich and high in the world. One thing is needful; and it is not what we have of the world, but what we are towards God that will do us good, and make us happy.

happy. If thou shower not down plenty upon me, yet Lord give me what is convenient and needful for me; and however thou dealest by me, for the things of this life, O deny me not the riches of thy grace, and the saving good of thy chosen, which is better than thousands of gold and silver. Teach me, my God, to suffer need without repining at my lot, or coveting what I have not, or envying those that have it. O make me contented with my portion, and not be agrieved to be obscure and mean in the world: So that I may be known to heaven, and accepted in the sight of thee my God, thro' Jesus Christ. Let me never stretch out my hand to iniquity, nor seek to help myself by any dishonest ways of getting; but chuse rather to be poor than wicked, and to want my daily bread, rather than thy heavenly grace; casting all my care upon thee, and trusting to thy fatherly goodness to provide for me. Let me labour, working with my hands the thing which is good, in all that I can, to minister to my necessities; and may thy blessing succeed and prosper all my honest designs, and poor endeavours.

And the less I have of this world, O let me take greater care to lay out and labour

for an infinitely better ; that I, who have no inheritance on earth, may be made meet to be a partaker with thy saints in glory ; that I may not lose both worlds, nor pass from my small things here, to be out of all for ever ; but may have my treasure in heaven, and thy blessed self, O Lord, to be my portion for ever ; being found among those poor of this world, whom thou hast chosen, that are rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom, which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

And blessed be thy name, O righteous God, that with thee there is no respect of persons ; but the poor are as capable of it as the rich : Yea, as it is so hard for the rich to enter, that thou hast put out of my way many of the snares and temptations that hinder others ; and my poverty cannot keep me out of thy glory. But when I am also poor in spirit, as well as low in the world ; I have the promise of the kingdom in heaven. My God, grant me that poverty of spirit, and those better things that accompany salvation ; and then how short soever I am kept in this life, thy will be done ; though I have nothing to depend on, in the world, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the
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the God of my salvation : Having thee for my God and chiefest good, and my most gracious father in Jesus Christ. O Lord give me thyself, and then I have all ; and for that best of gifts I will bless thy name for evermore. *Amen.*



Under Crosses and Disappointments.

Mr. JENKS.

O My Lord, I live by thee, and do continually depend upon thee, for life, and breath, and all things. Thy providence has appointed my station, and disposes what ever concerns me in this world. If not so much as a sparrow falls on the ground without thee, and the very hairs of our head are all numbered, thou canst not be unconcerned in the changes and accidents that befall thy servants ; but thou hast a hand in all our affairs : And whatever instruments and occasions have been in the way, it is thy pleasure that so it be with me, as it is. Restrain me therefore, O Lord, from setting myself to do evil. And help me to take up my

cross and follow my meek and lowly saviour, in self-denial, and quiet submission to the will of my heavenly father.

O, who am I, sinful wretch, who has so much displeased thee, that I never should be crossed, nor have any thing to trouble me? Thy will be done, O Lord, how much soever it goes against flesh and blood. And let me ever design thy glory and conform to thy pleasure; whether it make for, or against me, in any respect of this life. O, that I may learn obedience by the things which I suffer; that I may not be worse but better, in my spiritual concerns, for these rubs and disappointments in matters of this world. And O that the adverse things of this world, which interrupt and trouble me, in my designs and enterprizes here, may turn all to the glory of thy name; and to the furtherance of my comfortable account in the hour of death, and in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



For a man that has lost his wife, or any other friend or relation.

O Most mighty God, the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth; thou art righteous

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ous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works, and dost every thing with infinite wisdom, goodness and love. I acknowledge thy goodness and love, O Lord, in taking from me one that was ever dear to me, and in depriving me of the comforts I received from the life of that precious person; for I am not worthy, I confess, of the least of thy mercies, having so ungratefully behaved myself under many blessings, thou hast bestowed upon me. O be thou pleased, for thy dear son's sake, to pardon my ingratitude, and deal not with me according to the desert of my sin.

Sanctify, O Lord, this affliction to me, and give me grace to bring my will to a meek and quiet submission to thine; that I may receive this loss, without murmuring or repining at the dispensations of thy providence.

Let not my grief, O Lord, exceed the bounds of reason and religion; but temper it I beseech thee with the consolations of thy holy spirit, that whatever I want of outward comforts, I may find made up to me by the inward joys of a good conscience.

O let this loss which thou hast now been pleased should befall me, bring me home to thyself, and possess my mind with such a thorough

thorough sense and conviction of the uncertainty of all worldly blessings ; that I may fix my heart, my hopes and desires, upon those joys that will never fade ; upon those pleasures that are at thy right hand for evermore.

And grant, O merciful father, that every one of those, who are sharers with me in this affliction, may be partakers likewise of thy support and comfort ; and may at last be received into that place of rest and peace, where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, and all our troubles and sorrows have an end, through the merits and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and redeemer. *Amen.*



A Prayer for a Woman who has lost her Husband.

O Blessed Lord, whose providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and earth ; thou givest and thou takest away, thou liftest up and thou castest down ; whatever befalls us is by thy wise appointment ; even the smallest as well as the greatest accidents of our lives are directed by thy hand. Thou
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hast taken from me a dear husband, a blessing I was no longer worthy of; O be thou merciful unto me, and for the sake of my dear redeemer pardon the unworthy returns I have made for the blessings thou hast been pleased to follow me with all my life long; and give me grace, I beseech thee, patiently to submit to the afflictions which thou hast now brought upon me, and not murmur, or repine under the stroke of thy chastising hand.

I desire therefore, O Lord, to submit to thy will, and to repose myself under the care of thy good providence, assuredly believing that I can never be destitute, whilst I have thee for my friend, nor miserable so long as thou art my portion.

O be thou to me, whatever I may want of outward helps; and though thou hast been pleased to take from me so great a temporal blessing, yet, O let me never be deprived of thy spiritual mercies. Whatever comforts thou deniest me, deny me not I beseech thee, the comfort of thy love; but let that be my portion and inheritance, the support of my life and relief of my soul, under all the troubles and afflictions of this world.

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Raise me up friends, O Lord, that may assist me in all my exigencies, but especially to teach and instruct me, that I may manage those affairs that are devolved upon me, with prudence, justice and integrity.

Let not my carriage, O Lord, be vain or fantastick, light and foolish, but decent and modest, suitable to the condition thou hast been pleased to bring me into, and such as becomes a woman professing godliness.

[If the widow have no children, let her omit the following paragraphs.]

Grant that I may educate my children in an holy and religious manner, and bring them up in the fear of thee, and admonition of thee the Lord; and O let thy blessing be always upon their heads; give them grace to hearken to wise instruction, and defend them from the evil temptations of this world. O Lord, they are now cast upon thy care; O be thou their father, and never leave them nor forsake them; but let thy providence be their support, and thy spirit their guide and counsellor.

And grant, O merciful father, that both they and I may learn, from the instability of human comforts, to delight more in thyself, and less in earthly things. Let us never think

think ourselves unhappy while we can enjoy thee, nor murmur, nor repine at any losses, so long as we are the objects of thy love, and the care of thy good providence. And O ! give us grace that we may comfortably look up to thee at all times, as our constant friend, and most tender father, as our life and our health, our rest and our joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



The Aged's Prayer.

Bp. PATRICK.

I Adore thee, O Lord of life and glory, who art from everlasting to everlasting, and changest not ; beseeching thee to look graciously upon thy unworthy servant, whose hope is only in thy infinite mercy ; by which my life hath been prolonged to old age, and which is able to make me eternally blessed. I thank thee for thy inconceivable love in the Lord Jesus, who hath given me such a solid and steadfast ground of hope to support and strengthen my heart, when all the comforts of this life fail me ; and likewise praise and magnify thy bounteous goodness for those in-

innumerable blessings, which, time after time, thou hast bestowed upon me, from the beginning of my life till this present.

[*Let them be reckoned up as particularly as you can*]

Preserve me from all discontented thoughts, and peevish passions; make me an example unto others of holiness, discretion, temperance, gravity, peaceableness, patience, and resignation. That so I may with the more authority be a teacher of good things, and my hoary head may be a crown of glory, being found in the ways of righteousness. O how comely a thing is judgment for grey hairs, and for antient men to know counsel!

Pardon me, good Lord, that I have made no better improvement of my time and experience, for the furnishing my mind with this wisdom, and with those virtues. Pardon all my negligences, and all my offences; [*Remember them particularly.*] and fill my heart with a comfortable sense of thy pardoning mercy in Christ Jesus, that having no other burden but that of age to oppress my spirit, I may rejoice in thee as long as I live, and at last lay myself down to rest in peace, and return my soul back unto thee cheerfully, whensoever thou callest for it, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of
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the dead, and of that glory, honour and immortality, which thou hast graciously promised us by thy dear son, my most blessed Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, with whom I desire to live to give thee eternal praises. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all that desire our Prayers.

Mr. JENKS.

O Lord God of the spirits of all flesh; thy word requires us to pray for others, as well as for our selves; and to call upon thee as our common father in Jesus Christ. And tho' I am unworthy to speak to thy heavenly majesty, O most high, either for myself or others, yet, in the sense of thy mercy, and the obligation of my duty and charity, I take upon me to become an humble petitioner to thee, my Lord, in behalf of all such as desire to be partakers of my prayers: O that they may share in thy rich mercies, according to their several wants and necessities. They are known to thee by name: O let them be known of thee in the number of thy children. Thou knowest

what they most need and chiefly desire : O thou gracious giver of all good, answer them in the desires of their hearts, as far as they desire the things that are meet and good. And where they desire what is unfitting and hurtful, convince them of their error, that they may not persist in it. And where they see not the things of their peace, or are cold to that which is most for their good, O Lord, shew them the saving way, and grant them a great love for it, and true zeal to follow it. Bless them, gracious father, with so much of the world's good as thou knowest to be good for 'em : But especially remember them with the favour which thou bearest to thy people. Instruct them, Lord, in the knowledge of thy will, and what they must do to be saved. And make them faithful to practice, according to the light which thou art pleased to give them : Yea, incline their hearts to take pleasure in the performance of their duty. Bless them, O God of all grace, with that grace and favour of thine in which is life, and with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

A Prayer for any day of publick fasting.

Dr. I N N E T.

O Almighty God, by whose good providence the world is governed who settest up one nation and pullest down another; who givest peace and victory, preservation and blessing to thy people, and honourest those that honour thee, but sufferest the iniquity of a people to be their ruin and reproach, and shame and confusion to be the portion of sinful nations; in thy mercy, O Lord, look down upon these sinful kingdoms; deal not with us according to our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities, but spare us though we deserve punishment, and in the midst of thy wrath think upon mercy. Forgive our luxury and profaneness, our oppression and injustice, our uncharitableness and divisions, the ill use we have made of all thy blessings; and the dishonour we have done the religion thou hast so wonderfully planted and preserved in these kingdoms; for if thou should'st be extreme to mark all that we have done amiss, we could expect nothing less than to be given up as a prey, and inherit confusion and shame: But

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O thou merciful preserver of man, have mercy on these sinful nations; forgive us all that is past; and to render us capable of thy future blessings, give us a due sense of our past provocations; raise up a spirit of holiness and religion, and make us wise to do good, and with well-doing study to engage thy protection and care; make our councils wise and steady; give courage and obedience to the people, and make all from the highest to the lowest truly sensible, that the honour and greatness of this church and kingdom, are best provided for by recommending ourselves to thy protection and care; by temperance and charity, holiness and obedience, and a full trust in thy mercy, approving ourselves thy people; which, that we may all do, and thou may'st hear our prayers, and forgive our sins, and continue our protector and deliverer, grant, I beseech thee for Christ Jesus his sake, our blessed Saviour and redeemer. *Amen.*



A Prayer in time of Scarcity.

Bp. PATRICK.

O God who turnest a fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that

that dwell therein, pour down upon the sinful inhabitants of these islands, a serious sense of their own undeservings, and of thy righteous judgments, which thou hast sent upon them; that they may humble themselves before thee, and repent of their wantonness and riot; of their feasting themselves without fear, and hardening their hearts against the cries of the poor; of their discontent and repining in the midst of plenty, and their loathing the divine food of their souls, which thou hast justly punished with scarcity of bread in all places.

Make us ashamed, O Lord, and heartily sorry for these and all other our offences against thy divine majesty; and as an earnest of a better obedience for the time to come, dispose the hearts of those who are afflicted, to submit with meekness to thy punishment, and preserve them from all murmuring at thy wise providence. Open the hearts likewise of those who are rich, to shew mercy to them, and comfort them in their miseries. The greater store of provision any have treasured up against this time of want, incline them so much the more to consider the poor and needy and fear to oppress them. Enlarge their hearts in more abundant charity,
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by the advantage they make of this present scarcity ; and when thou shalt have turned it into plenty again, Lord, make us all truly thankful, and soberly to use thy blessings, and to bring forth plentifully the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name, and the eternal happiness of our souls and bodies, in that world where there is no want, but fulness of joy for evermore. *Amen.*



For Rain.

Mr. J E N K S.

WE confess, O Lord, that we have so greatly abused the comforts of thy good creatures, that thou mightest justly withdraw them from us, and make the heavens over us as brass, and the rain as dust, and the land itself to mourn and all that grows upon it to wither. But, O thou father of mercies, who in judgment rememberest mercy, consult not now our merits but thine own mercies how to use us. Thou that hast the bottles and treasures of heaven at thy command, be pleas'd now to open
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the windows of heaven, and cause the rain to come down in its season; making grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits of the earth for the service of men. And however thou art pleas'd to deal with us, O suppress all our repining at any of thy dealings; and let them all amend and better us, and make us a people prepared to receive the mercies which we want, and wait and beg for, at thy gracious hands, upon the account of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For fair Weather.

Mr. JENKS.

LORD, if thou shouldest turn a fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein, yet righteous wert thou, and just would be thy judgment: And we must not open our mouths to reply against God, but bear the indignation of the Lord which our sins have so much deserved, when our iniquities have turned away thy blessings, and withholden thy good things from us. But O father of mercies, spare us, and put a stop to the calamity that threatens destruction to the work of thy hands; that the rain which is thy blessing, may not be turned into a curse, nor descend

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from heaven, to corrupt and spoil the fruits of the earth. O cause the overflowing showers to cease, which damp the joy of the harvest, and endanger the blasting of our blessings. And as thou hast given us plenty, and caused our land to yield its increase, so give us, we pray thee, a seasonable time to gather in the fruits, which thy bounty has provided for us, that in the use of them, we may joyfully and chearfully serve thee ; and not consume them upon our lusts, but live to thy glory, as we do upon thy bounty. And when thy judgments are in the land, O that we who inhabit it may learn righteousness ! Nor let our concernments be so great for our bodies as for our souls ; that however we fare here, it may go well with us for ever. O let us not labour so for the meat that perisheth, as for that which endureth to everlasting life : Which everlasting provision for our unchangeable condition, above all we beg at thy hands, O Lord God our heavenly father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for temporal blessings, to be said before any of the following.

Mr. JENKS.

GRACIOUS God, the bountiful provider for all the world's family! The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing; every year thou renewest the face, and the fruits of the earth, and givest rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, to fill the hungry with food and gladness. O how many of thy creatures have bestowed their labours, and lost their lives, and been consumed to cloath and feed, and sustain and pleasure us! Thou continually maintainest the whole world of creatures that every where hang upon thee for life and breath and all things! Yet thou art not weary to do us good, but still showereft down blessings plentifully upon us; to provide, not only necessaries to keep us alive, but also variety of comforts, to make our lives sweet and desirable. Yea, thou delightest in mercy, and hast pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants; and makest us now to find, by our own happy experience, how abundantly good and kind thou art.

A Thanksgiving for Rain.

O Lord, thou hast sent a gracious rain upon thy inheritance, to refresh the dry and thirsty land, and cause it to yield its increase ; giving us the joyful opportunity to serve and praise thee in the abundance of the provision which thou art pleased so to make for us. O that men would praise thee for thy goodness, and for such thy wonderful works to the children of men ; O good God, to thy name only be all glory, now and eternally. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for fair Weather.

LORD, thou hast in mercy shut the windows of heaven, and put a stop to the overflowing showers, that threatened to drown the fruits of the earth ; and hast caused this sweet and comfortable change, to refresh thy unworthy servants, and to make all the creatures rejoice in thy goodness. Blessed be our God that deals so graciously with us : And glory be to thy name thou great giver of all good. Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God shall bless us. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the cessation of any infectious distemper.

O Thou great preserver of men! Thou hast delivered our souls from the hand of the grave, and kept us alive that we should not go down to the pit. The jaws of death were open upon us; and we went with our lives in our hands; our hearts failing us for fear of the destruction raging among us, when the very air which we drew in to give us life, was to so many the sad messenger of death, and when thousands fell on every side us, it has not come nigh us. But we have dwelt in the secret place of the most high, and, under the shadow of the Almighty, have been kept in safety. O what shall we say, what shall we give unto thee, our present help and only Saviour in time of trouble: We are every way thine, O Lord; and to thee only be all the glory. We bless thee, our God, as those that are made alive from the dead. And O that the lives which have been given us at our requests, we may return them back, to be spent in thy service, that we may love and please, and praise our God, while we have our being. *Amen.*

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For the restoration of Plenty.

O God the fountain of all goodness !
 Thou didst threaten with famine to
 destroy the blessings of the earth, which we
 have so wickedly abused ; but remembering
 thy own tender mercies, and not our ill de-
 serts, hast rais'd a new and plentiful supply
 for us. And now thou crownest the year
 with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fat-
 ness. Thou hast loaden the earth with the
 fruits of thy bounty, and sent abundance of
 all good things, for the service and comfort
 of man. O make us more sensible of the
 obligation which thy love has laid upon us.
 And as thou fillest us with thy good things,
 so fill our hearts with thy love, and grace to
 use every gift aright to thy glory ; that in
 the use and strength of what we are con-
 tinually receiving from thee, we may devote
 our selves to live unto thee, and to serve thee
 with gladness and rejoicing for all thy rich
 mercy to us in Jesus Christ.

A countryman's Prayer for fruitful seasons.

Bp. PATRICK.

O God, the creator and preserver of all
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for the cattle, and herb for the service of man ; who bringest forth food out of the earth, and blesseth the springing thereof, be pleased graciously to look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, upon the land wherein we dwell, that it may both become fruitful, and yield its increase ; and we also may grow in all wisdom and goodness, and bring forth plenteously the fruit of good works, to the honour and praise of thy name, and to our perpetual comfort, both in this world and in the world to come, through Christ Jesus our saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a good harvest.

Bp. PATRICK.

WE praise thee, O God, who hast opened unto us thy good treasure, and given us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons filling our hearts with food and gladness. Blessed be God, for the plenty wherewith he hath loaded the earth, and for the fair weather he hath sent us, that we might gather it into our barns.

He maketh grass to grow upon the mountains : He giveth to the beast his food ; and he filleth us with the finest of the wheat. He watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth

forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater.

To him therefore be the praise, for these and all other his benefits. Let all the world rejoice and be glad in him, who prepares a table for us, and satisfies our mouths with good things, and makes our cup to run over. O that our hearts may even overflow with love and thankfulness to him. O that we may never forget, nor abuse his goodness, but by a sober, charitable and pious use of these his blessings, we may be made fit for the continual encrease of them, till they all conclude in eternal life, which I most humbly crave for the sake of Christ Jesus, our blessed Lord and Saviour; to whom with the father and the holy ghost, from whose bounteous love we receive all good things, be all honour and praise, and hearty obedience, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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A Thanksgiving for Peace.

O God of peace, that makest wars to cease to the ends of the earth; that breakest the bow, and cuttest the spear asunder, and burnest the chariot in the fire! Thou hast in mercy put a stop to the effusion of blood, and made peace in our borders: Thou hast rebuked strong nations, to make them beat their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; that nation may not rise against nation, but every man sit under his vine, and under his fig-tree, and none make them afraid. O how sweet is thy mercy, and reviving as life from the dead! And thou, Lord, that hast given us peace, O give us also grace to use it to thy glory, and to serve thee still the more freely and chearfully; that we may not only have peace with men, but also with our God; even the peace of God that passeth all understanding, to keep our hearts and minds thro' Christ Jesus.

O that we may be sensible of the kindness and love of God our Saviour as we ought, and ever give thee thanks with all our souls! Dear father of mercies! rather take all our good things from us, than leave us speechless and heartless to thy praise. O that our

hearts may be enlarged in thy love, and lifted up in the celebration of thy praises! To thy name O Lord, be the glory of all thy mercy and bounty. And may all thy works and all thy servants bless thee, and praise thee, and magnify thee for ever. And may we have grace to express the thankfulness of our hearts, in the whole conduct of our lives; devoting our selves to be thine in faithfulness, as long as we are in being. *Amen. Amen.*

Directions to promote a proper temper of mind before you begin your devotions in the Morning.

As soon as you awake in the morning, lift up your heart to God in this, or the like prayer.

O Lord, as thou hast awaked my body from sleep, so by thy grace awaken my soul from sin; and make me so to walk before thee this day, and all the rest of my life, that when the last trumpet shall awake me out of my grave, I may rise to life immortal, through Jesus Christ.

WHEN thou hast thus begun, suffer not (without some urgent necessity) any worldly thoughts to fill thy mind, till thou hast paid thy devotions to almighty God; and

and therefore during the time thou art dressing thy self exercise thy mind in some spiritual thoughts. As for example: Consider what *temptations* that day are most likely to assault thee, and arm thyself with resolutions against them: Or consider what *occasions of doing service* to God, or good to thy neighbour, are that day most likely to present themselves, and resolve to embrace them; and also contrive how thou mayst improve them to the uttermost. As soon as thou art ready, retire to some private place, and there offer up to God thy morning sacrifice of praise and prayer,

DIRECTIONS for NIGHT.

AT Night, when it draws towards the time of rest, bethink thy self how thou hast passed the day; examine thine own heart, what sin, either of thought, word or deed, thou hast committed; what opportunity of doing good thou hast omitted; and whatsoever thou findest to accuse thy self of, confess humbly and penitently to God; renew thy purposes and resolutions of amendment, and beg his pardon in Christ;

with all devout earnestness and heartiness; in the next place, consider what special and extraordinary mercies thou hast that day received; as, if thou hast had any great deliverance, either from some dangerous temptations; from any great and apparent danger; and offer to God thy hearty and devout praise for the same: Or if thou hast been kept from every degree of danger, thou hast not the less but the greater cause to magnify God, And therefore humbly thank him as well for his usual and daily preservations, as his more extraordinary deliverance. And above all, endeavour, by the consideration of his mercies, to remember that every favour received from him is a new engagement upon thee to love and obey him.

AS thou art putting off thy clothes, think with thy self that the time approaches that thou must put off thy body also, and then thy soul must appear naked before God's *judgment seat*; and therefore thou hast need be careful to make it so clean and pure by repentance and holiness, that he who will not look on iniquity, may graciously behold and accept it.

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*Let thy bed put thee in mind of thy grave,
and when thou liest down, say,*

O Blessed Saviour, who by thy precious death and burial didst take away the sting of death, and the power of the grave, grant me the joyful fruits of that thy victory, and be thou to me in Life and death a sure defence.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of truth.

A Grace before Meat.

WE acknowledge thy goodness, O Lord, in making this [plentiful] provision for us: Pardon our ingratitude for thy former mercies; and bless us with such a discreet and thankful use of these thy good creatures, that they may not hinder us in our duty, but better dispose us to do thee all faithful service in our several places, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Another.

WE look up unto thee, O Lord, who givest us life and breath, and all things; beseeching thee to forgive us all our sins, and to make

us such thankful partakers of these thy good creatures, that by a moderate use of them our bodies may be refreshed, and made more fit to accompany our souls in hearty endeavours to obey thy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Grace after Meat.

BLessed be thy name O Lord, for our continued health, and food, and raiment, and friends, and all other good things, whereby thou renderest our lives comfortable in life. Above all, we thank thee for thy love in Christ Jesus, and the hope thou hast given us by him, of better things in another world; unto which we beseech thee to bring us by hearty obedience to thee all our days. Save thy universal Church &c.

Another.

WE thank thee, O Lord, that we are alive; and that we live in health and peace, and the enjoyment of all good things that are needful for the support of this present life, and for the attainment of a better. Continue them, we pray thee, unto us, and continue in us such a thankful sense of thy love, that we may live unto thee by whom we live. Save thy universal church, &c.

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